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## WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS?

The editor of the Portland Journal, an intensely partisan Democratic paper, is up in arms because the wool of this part of the country is shipped east to be manufactured into cloth and clothing and is then shipped back to the Pacific Coast to be sold to the consumer. The editor grows dramatically eloquent in demanding to know why that wool should be sent across the country and back, thus involving an expenditure for freight, and depriving the Western communities of the money that is paid to the mill owners and mill workers for transforming the raw material into finished goods.

Undoubtedly the editor of that paper made a great hit with his readers, who believe in buying commodities made at home. We sincerely hope the editor made a strong impression upon his readers that they will not soon forget the line of reasoning he urged upon them. We hope they will remember the logic of that argument on election day, for, if they do remember it, they will not cast their ballots for any candidate for the Senate or House of Representatives who believe in the Democratic doctrine of free trade, which encourages people to buy in Europe and Asia instead of in America.

Since the Journal editor has mentioned wool in particular, let us call his attention to a few facts.

The Underwood tariff act became a law October 3, 1913, but the reduced rates on wool manufacturers did not take effect until December 31 of that year. There remained a period of only 7 months under the Democratic law before the war in Europe upset all trade relations. In that seven months we imported \$10,879,813 worth of wool cloth as compared with \$2,862,052 worth in the corresponding period in the preceding year, under the Republican law. In other words, in seven months, we increased our purchases of wool cloth in foreign countries to the amount of \$8,000,000. What does the Democratic editor of the Journal have to say to that?

In that same seven months period we increased our foreign purchases of women's and children's dress goods by nearly \$4,000,000, and our purchases of other manufactures of wool to the extent of \$6,000,000.

In seven months we sent to Europe \$20,000,000 more than we did in the corresponding seven months in the preceding year to pay for woolen manufactures made in European mills, paying a profit to European capital and paying wages to European labor.

In that same time we increased our foreign purchases of cotton manufactures by \$7,000,000. We were shipping cotton across the ocean, having it made into finished products there, and then shipping it back here and buying it ourselves, thus paying the freight both ways, paying the European factory owner, paying his employees, and depriving our own workers of work and wages. What does the Democratic editor of the Journal think of that?

Really, however, we care little what the editor thinks of it. He has only one vote. We care a great deal what his readers think about it, for they have many votes. They and their fellow-Democrats in other states have it in their power, sometimes, to send to the Senate and the House of Representatives men who will vote for a tariff policy that sends our raw materials to Europe or Asia to be manufactured and shipped back to us. We should like to know what the readers of the Journal and other Democratic newspapers think of the facts.

## PRESIDENT LEADS IN PARTISAN-SHIP

Ever since Senator Stone, of Missouri, made his unprovoked attack upon the Republicans in Congress on the charge of partisanship, it has been expected that there would be a loosening up of debate and a freer discussion of the management of the war. It is well known not only to the Senate but to the country in general, that there was not the slightest basis for the Stone charge against Republicans. The fact is, and it is proven by the records, that Republicans have supported war measures as ungrudgingly as have the Democrats. There was no partisanship in discussion of war matters until Stone injected that subject. Moreover, the whole country knows that the first assaults upon the management of the war were made by Democratic Senators, Chamberlain and Hitchcock. By no stretch of imagination, could any fair man accuse the Republicans of putting partisanship into the war.

Republicans were willing to ignore the attack of Stone, but they felt impelled to speak out when President Wilson himself pushed partisanship to extremes. The President's letter to the Democrats of New Jersey and to the Democratic Senatorial candidate in Wisconsin, were incidents which made it impossible for Republicans to remain silent. Partisanship in appointments, even in war matters, could be overlooked. But when the President forgot that he was president to all the people, and used the prestige of his office to swing a partisan contest, there was no longer occasion for restraint.

One of the interesting developments of the discussion was the observation made by Senator Smoot of Utah that although many people have assumed that President Wilson has urged a laying aside of partisanship, "such an assumption is not justified by anything that the President has said or done. In every instance in which there is a possibility of Demo-

## WAR NO FINANCIAL BURDEN.

The figures of our first year of war will surprise most people. It appears that we have spent but \$3,000,000, of which more than half has been in the forms of loans to our allies, all practically of which will be paid later.

It is not likely that our entire war expenditures, after deducting loans to our allies, is greater than the savings of the American people for a year. The Pro-Germans and Pacificists have been trying to bluff the American people into cowardly submission, by the specter of the terrible debt that is being created. These figures show this is nothing but a big bogie man meant to scare timid children.

The present cost of the war is about \$1,000,000,000 a month. Nearly half of this goes to the allies. With moderate economy on the part of our people, we could keep fighting 10 years and make hardly a dent in our national wealth.

The only sacrifice we are called to make is that of life, and that is a terrible one. But the financial burden should not be considered for a moment. Compared with our abounding wealth it is insignificant.

"After Republicans have made such a splendid demonstration of their readiness to subordinate party interests and to join with any and every other party in any and every effort to speed the war to a victorious end, they can now, in the maintenance of their own self respect, take no other course than that of accepting the gage of battle at the President's hands. The President has drawn the battle lines and urges the election of Republicans as representatives of the governmental principles and policies which we deem best for the permanent interests of the American nation and most likely to contribute most effectively to the successful prosecution of the war and the wisest solution of the innumerable economic, financial, and social problems which will confront us."

## BREAKING THE LINE

Much disappointment has been expressed that the strategic reserve army under Gen. Foch did not at any time hit back before the Germans had any time to intrench on their new line. There was a period of open warfare on one of their flanks might have achieved a tremendous success. The Germans then had not brought up their heavy artillery.

That time has now passed, and the Germans are every day strengthening their new positions. Already it will take considerable artillery attack to dislodge them. Whether or not such an attack would have been successful, is a question of little practical value just now.

The Germans have thoroughly demonstrated one thing. That is that entire trench line can be broken if you get sufficient strength of artillery over a sufficiently wide front. The British and French attacks hitherto did not have sufficient artillery preparation to break the whole trench line. They did not dig deep enough into the zone of defence to demolish the rear trenches. They did not destroy all the innumerable concrete shelters where the Germans had posted machine gunners. And they did not cover a front so wide that the German reserves could not rush in on the new salient and nip it off in their "pinchers" attack.

The lesson of this fighting seems to be clear; that when the allies take their line, they must have an artillery concentration superior to anything they have had yet. The Germans had the advantage of all the guns captured from the Russians and the Italians. Now they have probably 800 guns captured from the British too.

The United States must help provide this great artillery concentration. Our big gun factories and our shell factories must be speeded to the limit to help provide a tremendous superiority in artillery, so that the line can be broken over a big area.

## THE SHORT CUTS OF WAR

It is marvellous how things get done in war time that are impossible of accomplishment in times of peace. The matter of day-light saving, for instant. This has been advocated for number of years. But few people became interested in it. Popular inertia could not be overcome. Most of us laughed at it as a mere deception. It might have taken 20 years to convert the mass of the people to the idea. But in war time, it comes almost without effort.

Take the giving of money to philanthropies. It is easier to get \$100,000,000 today for the Red Cross, than it used to be to get \$1,000,000 for the most useful and necessary philanthropic cause in our country. This is partly because the need for this work is universally manifest. Yet there have been many of our good causes in previous years that should appeal to every one.

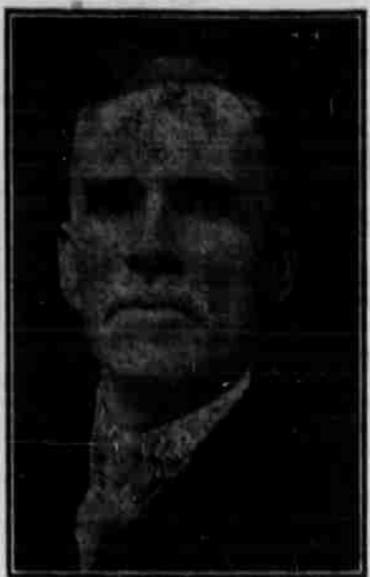
Probably the reason for the change is that the spirit of sacrifice is in the air. We are all deeply impressed by the heroism of the soldiers. That makes people ashamed to sit at home and count their dollars. It would seem as if this greater openness of heart should continue after the war. Let us hope our people have learned a lesson, and from now on will be ashamed just to grasp and get, never give to help suffering and remove ignorance.

We have known that Congress distributed favors on a pork basis. Also that the departments were strangled in a network of restricting red tape. But no one party or group of statesmen had energy or courage or determination or power enough to root out these evils. When war time comes, the people demand efficiency at once. The man or the group or party that does not get it has to go. If we can only carry this spirit into the time of reconstruction after the war, the losses we have to face will not be wholly in vain.

## Grade Principals of City Schools Reelected Monday Night



NELSON W. BOWLAND



JOHN R. BOWLAND

## R. W. KIRK IS CHOSEN FOR HEAD OF SCHOOLS

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