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ence is made to the plan of Administration to serve the President in the performance of his functions, but always subject to his direction. DON'T CRITICISE. The New York World, which denies to Senator Chamberlain and Senator Hitchcock the right to make disclosures of the shortcomings of war administration, just quotes with approval the following extract from an address by Charles Evans Hughes: I believe in freedom of speech; I have never sympathized at all with the idea that even in times of war you could make democratic speech without freedom of expression. I believe in free criticism, but every one who criticizes should apply to his criticism the acid test of whether it helps to the betterment of the war or retards it. If it helps, the more of that criticism we have the better. If it embarrasses, it does no good. The test of the Chamberlain criticisms will be whether they have done good or harm. The World thinks they have done much harm. The rest of the world, for the most part, thinks they have done good. Some one at our own cherished Jackson Club the other night made an eloquent defense of the Administration, laying down the strange doctrine that the more criticism the better. "Whether it helps or hurts, don't criticize; whether it wins or loses the war, don't criticize; whatever happens, good or ill, don't criticize. Whatever you see that is wrong, whatever you think is wrong, say it in word, or an intelligent protest, keep still. We wonder why the Jackson Club took Andrew Jackson for its patron. He was a great democrat. A new spirit, whatever it may be, and democracy might furnish a little needed enlightenment.

SAVING A PATRIOTIC DUTY. The necessity of Government control of security issues while it is calling for billions of war funds is apparent from the large amount of securities which mature this year and from the further large amounts which must be raised if all industries and public utilities are to do their full share in the war. Securities maturing in 1918 total \$14,191,000 for railroads, \$224,122,685 for public utilities, \$182,637,769 for industrial and \$110,673,971 for states, counties and municipalities—a grand total of \$741,633,425, exclusive of \$89,215,539 in American companies operating in Canada, Cuba and Mexico, which would raise the grand total to \$759,847,383. There is a considerable proportion of these securities may be retired by sinking funds and much more may be refunded, much more than the fund created by the savings of the people, which must also provide the money to carry on the war. Further sums, running into hundreds of millions, must be raised to make the railroads equal to the demands of the war, to build barges and tugs for inland waterways and to expand industry for the performance of war work. Nothing except a central authority, which will carefully discriminate between the essential and the non-essential, can prevent funds from being diverted to uses which can well be postponed. All other security issues approved by this authority would, or should, be required to be sold for the purpose of financing the patriotic duty of every citizen to save every dollar possible by economical living, in order that it may be used in promoting military success.

FARM WOMEN MOBILIZING. Four patriotic daughters of a Forest Grove farmer have volunteered to help run the farm because their father has been unable to get competent male help and the foremen, no doubt, of many others who will be similarly employed before the war ends. The father, who has already begun, in England and Canada, as well as in France, it has already attained important proportions. It was estimated recently that 250,000 women in the United States had volunteered in Britain in 1917, and it is expected that the number will be increased to 400,000 before the end of 1918. Etta St. John Wileman, who has been prominent in the organization of women in England and Canada for running the farms, has volunteered to help run the farm because their father has been unable to get competent male help and the foremen, no doubt, of many others who will be similarly employed before the war ends. The father, who has already begun, in England and Canada, as well as in France, it has already attained important proportions. It was estimated recently that 250,000 women in the United States had volunteered in Britain in 1917, and it is expected that the number will be increased to 400,000 before the end of 1918.

WHY THE OUTS ARE HECKLING. Heckling of Premier Lloyd George in the British Parliament is open to a simple explanation. It is a sign of quiet alarm lest his splendidly efficient and democratic government should be overthrown. It comes from the old crowd of politicians in both parties, whom public condemnation has driven to the margins of the party. Why not make that event take the place of Fourth of July and Rose Festival? Just as some people were beginning to worry about the supply of water in the Cascades, they are now worrying about the supply of water in the Cascades. Do they ever consider who is running these things? As soon as a bit of the backlist is dry, get it ready for early peas. Washington's birthday, which comes next week, is planting time here. Eighty-two millions more in wages for railroad men. What's a little matter like that in these days of billions? Just chicken feed. The Serb has good cause to distrust the smooth words of the Austrian. He has heard them before and has compared with deeds. Switzerland is insisting on passports, but if the Kaiser starts a flank movement, the Serb will be the last thing he will consider. Ministers' wives are not the only silent people. The wife of the man always fussing around her in public could tell a lot. Up in Irrigon, where they do not need them, a man has patented an umbrella. On second thought, it may be a sunshade. When the chaplain is the right kind, he is the best man in the regiment. Perhaps knows and wants more of them. Bolo Pasha will die as a traitor should. France handles such cases with neatness and dispatch. That snowfall, realizing it might be the last, lingered as though it hated to go. Some men think staying home nights is a war sacrifice. The Bolsheviks are raising the stakes.

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GETTING READY FOR GREAT DUTY. How One County Is Organizing for Third Liberty Loan. (The following report of an Oregon county committee for the third liberty loan, showing what must be done to raise the needed amount, and the individual citizens to expect. It is especially commended to those patriotic citizens upon whom the responsibility of making the county "most desirable" has been placed.) "I have to report that the work is already under way in this county. I have a committee of 18 taking up the tax records; another committee of 20 now working on the registration roll of each precinct; 12 clerks at headquarters; an advertising committee of three, who have already reported space amounting to one-quarter page for the 26 days between March 15 and April 15 (if these are the dates decided on for the campaign); a music committee of two members who have already organized a liberty chorus of 24 people and who are ready to work on the patriotic songs purchased by me when in Portland; a committee of six on public meetings; a committee of six members to report on all policies of the county; a committee of one on absent citizens that is to get in touch with every one of our citizens who are temporarily away from home; a committee of two on foreign subscriptions, who are getting in touch with all the Pacific Northwest; the same could be reached by paying the higher wages for a longer day. A fine of war is no time to haggle about how many hours a man shall work. Every man should work as long as he can in order to defeat the enemy, just as he would fight a fire until it was put out.

ENTIRELY AND UNSEEMLY. A moving picture production, known as the "Birth of a Nation," is still making the rounds. It is, pictorially considered, a remarkable exhibition of film-making genius, and is worth the money charged for admission, and more; but, historically considered, it is a disgrace to the name of the United States. We do not refer to the humiliating impersonation, under a fictitious name, of a famous Civil War statesman, a bitter partisan, an uncompromising enemy of the South, Thaddeus Stevens, in the person of a man in the Ku-Klux, and its methods of violence and terror; nor to the exaltation of the Confederacy and the right of secession; nor to the plain implication that the North was wrong and the South was right. The questions of the Civil War are settled, and every tolerant and right-thinking American will not object to the best statement of the Southern cause that can be made. It is now one country, and there is no room for all and no thought or desire anywhere for a different situation. But the picture is offensive to the last degree to colored Americans, and it is not the time to annoy and alienate them needlessly or wantonly, or thoughtlessly. Indeed, there ever is a time. The Nation is at war with a mighty enemy, and the strength of united America is being tremendously tested. The colored people have sought a place in the vindication of the democracy and savior of democracy, and it is no time to remind them that some people are of one color and others of another. It is a time to regard them as Americans and as fellow-citizens. They are to be made up in the full place as citizens who have equal duties and equal responsibilities with other citizens. Every time the cost of living rises, wages rise, then prices rise to pay the higher wages, and so on to the end of the chapter. The questions of the Civil War are settled, and every tolerant and right-thinking American will not object to the best statement of the Southern cause that can be made. It is now one country, and there is no room for all and no thought or desire anywhere for a different situation. But the picture is offensive to the last degree to colored Americans, and it is not the time to annoy and alienate them needlessly or wantonly, or thoughtlessly. Indeed, there ever is a time. The Nation is at war with a mighty enemy, and the strength of united America is being tremendously tested. The colored people have sought a place in the vindication of the democracy and savior of democracy, and it is no time to remind them that some people are of one color and others of another. It is a time to regard them as Americans and as fellow-citizens. They are to be made up in the full place as citizens who have equal duties and equal responsibilities with other citizens.

THE GAME OF PAY MORE. There is one thing about the non-partisan scheme in Oregon that makes one wonder whether our method of self-government under the Oregon system has not after all been a failure. Heretofore bills and amendments seem to have jumped up from nowhere and anywhere. One could vote for them without price. That is, one was not conscious of paying anything for the privilege of putting into force any man's ideas on how the Government should be run or how affairs common or uncommon should be regulated. Now conditions have changed. The Nonpartisan League offers a single chamber Legislature and a few other novelties and will ask each voter who likes the programme to put up \$16. This postage is increased only 50 per cent, and street car fares 20 per cent, it seems rather a big jump from nothing to \$16 for the exercise of a cherished privilege. But perhaps the non-partisans are right. Perhaps it is a good business medicine to issue it from a freemasonry. If the public has to pay for governmental prescriptions it will learn to appreciate the efforts of the law doctors. We speak of a kindly word for the eight-hour day and time and a half overtime for these physicians. It's the overtime that doubtless fixes the high price of \$16. If there is anything our law doctors put in it is overtime.

SHORTER DAY IN LUMBER CAMPS. Extent of President's Authority to Proclaim Eight-Hour Basis Explained. PORTLAND, Feb. 14.—(To the Editor.)—Recent dispatches to the Oregonian from Washington state that President Wilson will soon issue a proclamation proclaiming an eight-hour day in the timber industry of the Pacific Northwest. Whence comes his authority for doing this? Cannot he do the same for the railroad workers? Why not make it universal and end all industrial strife in this great country? GEORGE W. MELLEN. The President has no lawful authority to enforce the eight-hour day in all America. He has authority to make a proclamation that Government contracts shall be filled under the eight-hour system. Lumber for the Government is about 5 per cent of the cut of the principal mills in the Pacific Northwest, but it would be impracticable to segregate this part of the work to be produced under the eight-hour law and to run the mills ten hours a day while producing the remaining 95 per cent. The eight-hour law already prevails for the train-operating force of railroads, and Secretary McAdoo may be given the same authority as to all other railroad employees. Changes to the eight-hour system in the midst of war would be contrary to the principle agreed to by the Labor Department, the Labor Federation and the employers when this country went to war—that no advantage should be taken of this war to change existing standards. The war provides work enough for every man, and it is a waste of his health and efficiency permit, and patriotic duty requires him to do that much work, just as it requires soldiers to remain on the firing line for a period of four to 14 days. If eight hours were adopted as a day's work merely as the basis for calculating wages, the same end could be reached by paying the higher wages for a longer day. A fine of war is no time to haggle about how many hours a man shall work. Every man should work as long as he can in order to defeat the enemy, just as he would fight a fire until it was put out.

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IN OTHER DAYS. Twenty-Five Years Ago. From The Oregonian February 15, 1893. Salem—Ex-Speaker Geer adds to his qualities of statesmanship the faculty of a ready wit and a prompt repartee. The other day when Colonel Bob Miller was holding his audience spellbound by his belated repartee during an attack of the Governor for refusing to allow the state cannon to be fired in honor of Cleveland's inauguration, Mr. Geer said, when the Colonel paused for breath: "Oh, well, the Governor may be a little cranky about firing off his cannon, but he seems to have no objection to firing a Colonel now and then." This reference to the redoubtable Colonel's sudden departure from the Governor's staff some time ago, caused quite a laugh at his expense. Edward Holman is still coroner of Multnomah County, but his official life is a dull and dreary one. The Supreme Court Monday decided that the office belongs to Joseph Hughes, Mr. Holman's opponent at the June election.

Half a Century Ago. From The Oregonian February 15, 1868. Washington—General Grant has ordered the military authorities in the case of McCardle, of Mississippi, against the military, to test the reconstruction laws. Harpers Bazaar is accredited with a circulation of 100,000. A correspondent for the Cincinnati Commercial urges the nomination of Judge Chase for the presidency by the Republican party. Charles Dickens, at Philadelphia, is visiting with General W. Child of the Ledger. At Boston, Dickens declined to attend church and the Mobile Advertiser now suggests it was because Dickens is not interested in American politics. Van B. DeLashmott and Miss Maria Kelly were married yesterday morning.

MEMBERS OF FIRM ARE CITIZENS. Honor Concerning Milling Company Has No Foundation in Fact. KENNEWICK, Wash., Feb. 13.—(To the Editor.)—Kindly let me know if Albers brothers, of Albers Bros. Milling Company, are citizens of the United States or not. EDWARD SHEPPARD. It is disclosed by the card upon which the foregoing inquiry is written that the correspondent is proprietor of a drug store in Kennewick. It seems to be a sincere effort to learn the truth concerning a rumor that has gained wide circulation. That rumor is of the thoughtless or malicious quality which nowadays makes ready credence and ready belief is given this space for that reason. Each of the Albers brothers is an American citizen of long standing, an examination of local records will disclose. Every department head in every mill of the company is an American and none is of German lineage. Mr. Sheppard's inquiry is a very good one. The government has other relations with the company that would not be legal with an enemy alien, nor could the government have a secondary power if the company was not actively and representatively American. The company has been a liberal subscriber to the Liberty Bread fund, and \$750 to the Knights of Columbus fund. It has subscribed for \$75,000 to the fund, and it is hoped that issue donated \$25 towards each \$100 subscribed for bonds by any employee. The company also presented a motor car to the fund, and it is hoped that issue donated \$25 towards each \$100 subscribed for bonds by any employee. The company also presented a motor car to the fund, and it is hoped that issue donated \$25 towards each \$100 subscribed for bonds by any employee.

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