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**COST OF WAR FOR YEAR
THIRTY BILLION DOLLARS**

Thirty billions of dollars in one
year is the estimate of the money
cost of the war offered by Chairman
Gary of the United States steel corporation.
He has seen other estimates
and he has put his own higher
than any of them. Fifty millions
of dollars a day, or \$18,000,000,000,
a year, seem to him much too low.
Let it be assumed that his figures
are approximately correct.

The "armed peace" was expensive.
In 75 years the great powers of Europe
spent \$25,000,000,000 on their
armaments. The race had become so
intense that, in 1913 alone, according
to a French economist, the six
powers in the two alliances spent \$2,
-000,000,000 on their armies and
navies. For 1914-15 it was estimated
that Russia, Germany, France and
England would spend on these "guar-
anties of peace" \$1,500,000,000.

Comparing the military cost of
peace in Europe with Judge Gary's
estimate of the military cost of the
war one finds that in a year war
costs about 15 times as much as
peace. This form of calculation does
not consider the indirect and remoter
costs of the present struggle. The
question how long Europe can endure
the strain of the expenditure 15 times
greater than the expenditure of the
armed peace now becomes uppermost.

France and Austria-Hungary show-
ed signs of tax exhaustion in the few
years immediately preceding this
conflict. Even in Germany and Great
Britain the increase in the percent-
age of expenditure on armaments
since 1875 had exceeded the percent-
age of increase in average incomes.
It was only a question of time, as
things were going, assuming that
"armed peace" had been permanent,
when all the powers would have
reached the point of exhaustion, not-
withstanding the annual increase in
the production of wealth. What
the world now witnesses, from the eco-
nomic point of view, is the sudden
and violent compression of that pro-
longed financial contest in peace
armaments into the short period of a
year, more or less.

Assuming that, in the absence of
decisive military strokes, the war be-
comes one mainly of economic su-
periority, the period of a year seems
reasonable to accept as the probable
approximate duration of the armed
conflict on the present scale of op-
erations. The British naval esti-
mates and the British income tax
debated simultaneously in the 14
years prior to 1910, and the United
Kingdom might have endured to have
had both doubled again in the next
10 years. This war is approximately
costing 15 times as much as the pre-
vious armed peace. British economic
strength to endure another doubling

of the income tax is now being spent
in about one year's time.
Thirty billions of dollars a year
for war! The total amount of the
world's savings annually invested in
securities had reached about \$4,000,
-000,000. That fact, compared with
the expenditure now going on in
Europe, opens one's eyes to the possi-
ble economic endurance of the com-
batants.

The cost to Europe of the Napol-
eonic wars in 1806-1808, according
to Napoleon's budgets, averaged
about \$83,000,000 a year. The net
cost of 22 years' fighting against Napo-
leon cost England some \$4,000,
-000,000. England could easily spend
that now within two years. The
comparisons are suggestive, not sci-
entific, because the wealth of those
countries is today so much greater
than 100 years ago.

But with the much greater facil-
ities in these days for the swift mobil-
ization of a country's economic
strength for war, as well as its mili-
tary strength, the cost of campaigns
has been enormously increased rela-
tively as well as absolutely. Exhaust-
ion therefore must come sooner by
far than in former times.—Exchange.

**PEOPLE YOU
KNOW
ABOUT**

JOHN SIREN came into the city to-
day from Catching Inlet.

J. G. BROWN of Myrtle Point is a
Marshfield business visitor today.

JOHN F. MATSON was a visitor in
the city today from Catching In-
let.

A. H. CULVER, of Catching Inlet,
attended to business in the city to-
day.

MRS. DAN BENNETT came down
from Coos River today for a short
shopping trip.

CAPTAIN A. H. OLSEN and wife
were down today from their home
at North Inlet.

E. B. WILLIAMSON, of Haynes In-
let, attended to matters of business
in the city today.

MRS. PETERSON, of River-ton, has
come here to visit with her sister,
Mrs. John Folkes.

GEORGE ROSS was in the city today
from Catching Inlet attending to
matters of business.

MRS. C. F. MURRAY and daughter
were shopping visitors in the city
today from North Inlet.

MR. AND MRS. L. H. HEUPERMAN
came down on the boat this morn-
ing from Catching Inlet.

SAM JUMPER came down from his
home at Haynes Inlet today to
look after some business.

ROBERT STEINLECHNER, of Tem-
pleton, was in the city today at-
tending to matters of business.

MRS. C. H. FORSLUND, who has
been visiting at the Capt. Pender-
grass home, returned to her home
in San Francisco today.

MRS. A. L. HOUSEWORTH, Mrs.
Croschwait and Mr. and Mrs. Ed
Morrissey went to Sunset Bay on
a picnic today.

CAPTAIN EDWARDS, of the Alert,
came down from Allegheny this
morning and will help with the in-
stallation of the engines, which
were taken out to be repaired.

MISS LOTTIE B. MORGAN, who has
been caring for her father, John
Morgan, of Empire, during his re-
cent illness, returned to her home
in San Francisco today. She is a
trained nurse.

HARRISON JONES and wife and
little granddaughter, Miss Mabel,
left for their home in Durham,
Calif., today after spending the
summer at the homes of their
sons, J. D. Jones and J. C. Jones,
here.

MRS. T. J. MACGENN of Empire was
a Marshfield shopper today.

DR. I. B. BARTLE of North Bend
went to Coquille this morning on
a business trip.

HENRY SENGSTACKEN went up to
the county seat this morning to
look after some business.

MISS WANDA STEPHENS has re-
turned from a few weeks' visit at
various points in California.

MRS. V. O. PRATT, Miss Della Pratt
and Mrs. Ellerby left this morning
on a visit to Shore Acres.

MRS. DAVID MUSEN and Mrs. Bluf-
ford Davis left today for San Fran-
cisco, where they will spend some
time.

MISS HAZEL MERRYMAN, who has
been visiting her sister, Mrs. F. C.
Blroh, leaves soon for her home
in California.

ATTORNEY JOHN C. KENDALL
left on the morning train for Ban-
don, where he will attend to some
business matters.

MRS. ED HANSON has returned to
her home in Gardiner after a few
weeks' stay at the home of her
daughter, Mrs. Gordon Smith.

GEO. BRUMFIELD, Miss Ruby
Brumfield and Miss Elsie Baker of
Cottage Grove are guests of his
daughter, Mrs. C. C. Carpenter.

MISS ANNA HUNT and Marie Under-
hill have gone to the ranch
home of Mrs. James Ferry, Jr., on
Isthmus Inlet, where they will
spend a few weeks' vacation.

MRS. HALD, whose husband is the

keeper of the Umpqua lighthouse,
is spending a few weeks here as
the guest of her niece, Mrs. J. L.
Koontz.

MRS. C. W. CUMBERS, wife of the
local manager of the Standard Oil
Company, left today for Fruitvale,
Calif., in response to a message an-
nouncing the illness of her mother.

FRED SELANDER was down from
Sumner as a business visitor in
Marshfield today. He reports that
they had a fine time at the dance
there Saturday night, although the
attendance was not as large as at
the previous one.

J. LEE BROWN and wife will leave
tomorrow for Portland and Salem,
where Mr. Brown will attend a
meeting of the State Pharmacy
Commission.

W. J. CONRAD returned last evening
from Coquille, where he attended
a meeting of the Coos County
Board of Equalization. They had
not announced their decision on
the petition for a reduction in tim-
ber land assessments. Assessor

Thrift declared that he would stand
pat on the present assessment.
MRS. MARY MARK, who has been
spending the summer here with her
daughter, Mrs. G. A. Bennett, and
with her many friends on the Bay,
leaves on the Nann Smith for
Pacific Grove, Calif., where she
will spend the winter.

SUPT. PAT HENNESSEY was in
from the Smith-Powers mine yester-
day on business. He reports that
the demand for coal has not
been very strong. The mine is
now running fine and they are
getting the best grade of coal that
he has ever mined in this section.

MR. MOORE, formerly a well known
Catching Inlet rancher, but now
residing near Eugene, where his
daughter is attending the State
University, is here looking after
his property and visiting friends.
He says that just as soon as she
completes her course he will re-
turn to the Bay.

AMONG THE SICK
Mrs. Smith, of Coos River, who
was accidentally shot in the foot
by the discharge of an "unloaded"
shot gun which her husband was
cleaning, is recovering very nicely.
Had it not been for the partition
through which the charge first pass-
ed, it is believed that the accident
would have been much more serious.
Only two shots entered Mrs. Smith's
foot.

Peter Jordan, who had his foot
crushed to a pulp in his gasoline
motor on North Inlet a few days ago,
was removed to Mercy Hospital yester-
day for treatment.

Mrs. E. M. Erickson was taken
suddenly ill this morning and is now
confined to her home under the doc-
tor's care.

Claude Hockett, of Empire, who is
suffering from throat trouble, is re-
ported much better today.

Frank Rose, who has been ill of
pneumonia at Mercy Hospital, has
recovered sufficiently to leave the
hospital and will return to the Row-
land Creek camp near Myrtle Point
in a few days.

TO AID HOLLISTER.
A meeting is to be held at the
Thursday night at which an endeavor
will be made to secure a non-partisan
endorsement of Fred Hollister, the
Democratic nominee for Congress.
W. J. Rust, Hollister's campaign
manager, is arranging the meeting.

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**How Anti-Saloon League Increases Its Membership
THIRD LESSON IN PRACTICAL POLITICS**

Gather closer, children, because
I want you to listen closely to
how we Outside Agitators of the
Anti-Saloon League have lined up
Our Fight for the Oregon Legisla-
ture.

You must keep repeating it in
your mind until you fully under-
stand it that our one Stock in
Trade is Hysteria. That's what
caught us with the Pittsburg Mil-
lionaires. By making people think
that we were Trying to Save Men
we could jam them full of every
kind of tommyrot Emotional Stuff
The Politicians themselves know
that the Great Majority of Men
and Women of this nation are
Good; that they have real Heart
Chords that respond to Noble Sen-
timents; that no subject excites a
Kindler Sentiment in the Hearts
of Men and Women than the pic-
tures of other Men and Women
who have Fallen, nor a more in-
stantaneous response than an ap-
peal for their uplift. So the Po-
liticians told us to bear down
more heavily on Hysteria to make
the people think we were working
for Humanity, and not for Votes,
or for Legislatures. "Bring the
tears," was what our Political In-
structor kept emphasizing, "the
People won't realize that its only
Paid-for-Acting."

So when we came to Oregon
our very first work was to line
up a lot of organizations that are
Really working for Human Up-
lift, Charitable and Temperance
Organizations, and the like. We
played on their Sympathies, asked
them if we were not their brother-
"s Keepers" and didn't forget a
few tears. You see if we could
Fool Them through the Tendere-
ness of their hearts we had a
good show to Slip Over a lot of
Members of the Legislature—and
that, children, is what you must

not forget that we Anti-Saloon
Leaguers are after.

The Best Stroke we have done
yet in Oregon is to make in our
latest Charter Member, the Con-
victs at the State Prison. You
see, children, everyone feels sorry
for Convicts, that there were more
Tears that Real Hysteria hanging
around the convicts that anything
we could light on. So we
decided to hook up with the Con-
victs by admitting them to mem-
bership in "Our Fight" for the
Oregon Legislature.

You see, children, the Convict
is largely the product of Bad
Eugenics and Hygienies, Vicious
Parentage, Impoverished Birth,
Babyhood and Childhood Ignor-
ance, Lack of Employment and a
Lot of Other Things which never
Worry the Anti-Saloon Leagter.
But if we could only get the
Convicts to say that they were
behind the bars because of al-
cohol then we could inject more
Hysteria into our Work in this
way than in any Other Way.

So we got a few Real Christian
People worked up over the sub-
ject and then went down to Sa-
lem to Fix it with the State Au-
thorities to make the Convicts
lay all their troubles onto Al-
cohol.

Children, it was like taking
candy from babies. The poor
Convicts were told that if they
Performed Right and put some
Tears into it, they would Stand
in with the Prison Officials and
maybe would get their Freedom.
You may not know, children, what
the word Freedom sounds like to
a Convict. If he would sandbag
a lone wayfarer for a little silver
or rob some widows and orphans
of their last cent to buy auto-
mobiles for show, he would sign

a Quitclaim Deed to his Soul to
get that Freedom. He would
even go further, Maybe, than we
Field Agitators.

When the Convicts were told
that all they had to do was to
lay their imprisonment onto al-
cohol they wouldn't get their
names down fast enough. They
Performed so splendidly that we
recognized them as True Brothers
of our kind, fit to rank with the
Pittsburg Millionaire and us Field
Agitators as Charter Members of
the Anti-Saloon League, and they
were Unanimously Admitted on the
Spot.

By thinking the Thing all over
between now and our next les-
son you will see, children, that
it isn't True Temperance we are
after, nor even Prohibition; but
his votes we want to get the Leg-
islature. We never can get the
votes by talking Temperance, so
we have to resort to Deceit, Ex-
aggeration and Falsehood. That's
what the Pittsburg Politicians
told us.

"Never mind what you tell the
People," they said, "so long as
you can put a lump in the Peo-
ple's Throat. Don't appeal to
their Reason, because you may get
the People to thinking about
Practical Politics. If you can
put a Big Enough Lump in the
Throat it may not dissolve until
after election day—and that's all
we want. We maybe will have
the Legislature. They'll have lots
of time to dissolve the lump
when their taxes begin coming in,
when people begin moving out of
the state, when thousands of men
and women, including themselves
maybe, have lost their jobs, when
values begin decreasing, when in-
comes begin reducing, when hun-
dreds of stores become vacant and

when general stagnation sets in.
That is the condition the Mil-
lionaires always want in a state,
after they have captured a Legis-
lature. Then they can buy up
everything that looks good to
them at their own Price. When
they control the Public Office
they can Shift their Taxes onto
the Other Fellow; they get so
many people out of employment
that Anyone is willing to work
for Almost Anything; they pass
all kinds of Bills through their
Legislature that give them a
Tighter Grip on the People.

That was why the Pittsburg
Millionaires gave a "Put it
Through" Dinner at their own
expense to some Portland Busi-
ness Men at the Portland Hotel
a few weeks ago; that is also
why the Anti-Saloon League offi-
cers are telling all over the state
that the Pittsburg Millionaires
are going to bring a lot of factories
to Oregon. They've told them
that in Kansas for Thirty Years
but Kansas is still waiting for
her factories from Pittsburg. You
see they are always trying to
fool the Business Men.

The Portland Chamber of Com-
merce gave us quite a job,
though, when they voted Four
to One against Prohibition. That
Business Men generally see the
Joker in Politics. That's why we
try to Fool the Women so much.
They don't always stop to think
that maybe their own Husband,
Brother, Father, Son or Daugh-
ter may be the one that Loses a
Job; nor where the Bigger Taxes
are coming from, nor who is go-
ing to make up the \$900,000 lost
license revenues after all the
stagnation comes. Is it any won-
der that we have to lie to the
women.

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