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THIS TO HIS CREDIT.

HATEVER we may think about John D. Rockefeller and the ways he acquired his immense wealth, there are few who will not endorse the use which he is making of a part of it in sending prompt and generous succor to the Belgians.

It is easy to say that he is only doing what he ought to do and that he ought really to do a great deal more both at home and abroad. This may be very true; but how many of his carping critics do even a part of what they could and should do?

At the best, or worst, Rockefeller has no monopoly on giving in this great human cause. Everyone is free to compete with him in this to the full limit of one's generosity and means. For once, it cannot be said he is crowding anyone out.

What concerns us just now is that Rockefeller is doing the right thing for once, anyhow, and in feeding the starving and naked sets an example that his severest critics cannot do better than follow.

Nobody need worry about whether it is a "grandstand play" for effect or the result of genuine sympathy and a recognition of personal obligation. Nobody need take Rockefeller's motives as his own in giving. Each may give from his own motive.

With a population greater than the city of New York suffering from hunger and exposure and hopelessness, there cannot be too many helpers nor too many motives.

Rockefeller's motive is probably no more mixed than those of the rest of us when we perform a good action, says the Salem Capital Journal. His "tainted" dollars will carry nothing but healing to his beneficiaries. Standard Oil as an angel of mercy will not be less efficacious than one with whiter wings.

SOME PAPERS HAVE TO GIVE AWAY PREMIUMS TO HOLD SUBSCRIBERS

(From Coquille Herald.) A canvasser of the irrepressible variety was in town last week soliciting orders for the National Weekly, which has to give away valuable premiums to hold a circulation. If anyone succeeded in stopping him before he got to the end of his spiel we would like to hear how it was done.

FINANCING THE WAR.

THE appalling cost of the European war is again made evident in the appropriation which the British parliament is about to vote. The latest request is for \$1,250,000,000, which will bring the total of credits to \$1,625,000,000. And this for a country which thus far has put into the field only a fraction of the forces fighting for Germany, Russia, France and Austria.

Allowing for the large number of men in England now on a war footing and for the enormous expense of a huge navy under a full head of steam, the costs to Britain cannot begin to equal the outlay for each of the other powers mentioned, yet it is almost equivalent to the expenditure on the Boer war, which lasted nearly three years.

The cost to France in October amounted to more than \$6,000,000 a day, which though colossal, is a big reduction from the \$20,000,000 a day spent during the first weeks of the war.

All told, the outlay by the governments of the various fighting nations for the first 100 days is estimated by the best qualified financial experts at not less than \$5,000,000,000.

And these figures take no account of the destruction of property, of ruined industries, of idle men and men drawn off from the production of wealth. If the war is to last as some think for at least two years it will take Europe more than half a century to recover from the loss.

That is, the material loss, for it may take still longer to recover from the bitter hatreds and brutality engendered by this lapse into barbarism.

World's Greatest War From Day To Day

PROMINENT FRENCHMAN EX-VIEWS ON THE BIG WAR

Former Premier Clemenceau Tells of American View of Struggle.

BORDEAUX, Nov. 20.—Georges Clemenceau, although he holds office no longer, still remains one of the commanding figures in French public life.

It is now forty-four years since he came to Bordeaux as a member of the National Assembly. Even then when all appeared lost, he declared that France would rise again and vindicate herself, and he has worked ceaselessly throughout his long and brilliant career to bring about the realization. It was with that end in view that he effected the understanding with England, so fruitful in its results not only on French foreign policy but on the French national character.

He is back in Bordeaux once more under greatly different circumstance. His only regret is that he may not live to see the end of the great epoch through which Europe is beginning to pass.

Installed in a modest apartment, he works all day and far into the night directing his newspaper "l'Homme Enchaîné" (The Man in Chains) so called as a protest against the unintelligent application of the censorship. Strong and vigorous notwithstanding his seventy years, his eloquent eyes flash beneath his bushy brows as he speaks of France's magnificent effort. Millions of Frenchmen daily read those articles instinct with the spirit of enlightened patriotism into which the ex-premier puts the best he has to give. Sometimes they contain trenchant criticism of mismanagement in some public department, which his high sense of duty attaching to his great influence induced him to make, criticisms which have always been fruitful in good results.

No one in France understands better, probably, than Georges Clemenceau American ideals and aspirations. "The American public," he writes in one of his latest articles, inspired by the utterances of certain public men in America when he construes as in-

dicating a pro-French sympathy, "is by nature, very independent. It watches closely its own affairs, but at the same time remains always open to questions of general interest which make for the conquest of the right among nations, the highest aspiration of humanity. If the noble demands of the Declaration of Independence are anchored in its heart, any idea of international propaganda is rigorously banished from its thought. Everything is concentrated in the ardent daily labor. America has no time to give to the charms of doctrines unless strongly supported by facts. The properly authenticated fact is for American opinion the natural foundation of all thinking; which does not exclude an idealism the best part of which should be reality.

"America considers Europe in the eye, interested, tender and even pitying with which the young man just beginning life looks upon the venerable grandmother just about to leave it. Our customs, our quarrels, our thoughts are fruitful matters of reflection, above all when America can draw some practical conclusions from them. But our old continent appears worn out to the American. A violent history has for long turned and turned its soil with its ploughshare. It has made America, that is the main thing, since it is America that must renew, not yet perhaps its culture—although American culture cannot be under-rated—but above all and before all by the strong examples of life, the profound conditions of its activity. There can be no question of Europeanizing America. But history will show whether Europe will be Americanized by the irresistible virtue of the model.

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