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Why They Fight
Why dissemble? Why not come out in the open? Thus, some of those fighting the Ferris bill demand that the terms upon which the government may take over the plant at the end of the fifty years' lease be changed.

Why They Fight (continued)
Witness the exposures by the Interstate Commerce Commission of stock manipulation in the Rock Island railroad, and in the New Haven railroad and the San Francisco. These exposures are officially revealed and cannot be disputed.

Why They Fight (continued)
There is scarcely a public service corporation in the country in which the capital is not inflated. A change of ownership or a reorganization nearly always means a great increase of security flotations.

Why They Fight (continued)
It is a process that lays heavier burdens on patrons of the business. They must contribute added earnings to pay dividends on added capital, part of which is fictitious. It has been stated on the highest authority that the American people are thus paying dividends on 41 billion dollars of fiction.

Why They Fight (continued)
The Ferris bill has been so framed as to prevent this sort of thing in the use of water powers. That is one reason why the attorneys of water power corporations have assembled in Portland to fight the Ferris bill before the water power conference.

Why They Fight (continued)
That is one reason why it has been proclaimed in advance that the conference will "protest" against the Ferris bill.

Why They Fight (continued)
CARRANZA OR OBREGON
ONLY the other day a Washington dispatch stated upon unquestioned authority that the United States would recognize Carranza as the ruler of Mexico. Now it is reported, "according to the admission of a cabinet member," that General Obregon is to break with Carranza and receive this government's backing as the man most likely to bring peace in Mexico.

Why They Fight (continued)
Such contradictory reports coming so close together may be taken as evidence that nobody in authority at Washington has authorized any statement concerning the administration's purpose. But in view of Carranza's attitude concerning a proposed conference between the warring factions, this conference to be called by the United States and South American republics, it is evident that Mexico needs a stronger personality than the "first chief" at the head of the republic's affairs.

Why They Fight (continued)
Carranza rejected the peace conference proposal on the ground that it "would impair the independence of the republic and establish the precedent of foreign interference in determination of its internal affairs." Such a conference would be of no effect. Carranza refused to recognize the fact, as the New York Times says, that the good offices of friendly nations were proffered for the sole reason that "the independence of the republic was already profoundly impaired." It is evident that the "first chief" is a better despatcher than he is a soldier or patriot.

Why They Fight (continued)
Whether Obregon is the sort of man Mexico needs remains to be seen. But it is evident that he breaks with Carranza and takes a considerable part of the "first chief's" army with him, there will be a change in the Mexican situation. It could hardly be for the worse. Possibly Obregon, with the backing of Villa and Zapata, might prove worthy of recognition.

Why They Fight (continued)
WHAT IDIOTS WE ARE!
THE most famous pupil in the world, one of the most famous preachers of the world confessed Sunday that "life long ambition for wealth and power has utterly crushed my life."

Why They Fight (continued)
It was Henry Ward Beecher's old pupil in Plymouth church, Brooklyn, and the preacher was Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis. He said, "these ambitions have brought me to the brink of poverty, and humbled me so that I am not worthy to unloose the shoe latches of a poor worker in the slums."

Why They Fight (continued)
The indictment of ambition "for wealth and power" is not new. It is only personal testimony as to a bitter experience from a new source. It is the human bent for riches that makes countless millions mourn. It is the "ambition for wealth and power" by rulers that has made a cockpit of Europe and drenched a continent in blood.

Why They Fight (continued)
The great sin of the world is avarice. It robs a beautiful world of much of its loveliness. There could be an existence on earth of sweetness and joy and gladness. Nature and the Omnipotent have placed here everything for the complete happiness of the race. The forests, the beautiful mountains, the lovely valleys, the rivers, the birds, the changing seasons and all the infinite variety of delightful environments are an Eden if mankind would only seek to make it an Eden instead of a shambles and a cockpit of struggle.

Why They Fight (continued)
But Mammon has been lifted up to be worshipped. There is an idolatry of dollars. Society is a madhouse of selfish "ambition for wealth and power." The very children, by the stray thoughts that drift off from the parent, are taught that the ultimate end and aim of life is gold, gold, gold.

Why They Fight (continued)
And so the struggle goes on. It crushes the weak under the permanent of ambition. The strong, comparatively few in number, drive ruthlessly on, reckless of the consequences to those who have not the strength and faculties to compete. Strong as he was, Newell Dwight Hillis, famous clergyman, was struck down by the chariots and his career crushed. There is no check, no hindrance, no let to the madness of the age.

Why They Fight (continued)
And so, there are orphaned tears, and congested slums and the struggles of totting women, and the homelessness and weariness and crimes and moans and sobs and sorrows in a world that ought to be and could be a place of beauty and pleasure and joy and gladness. What idiots and fools we are!

Why They Fight (continued)
NEW RESOURCES
EDWIN E. PRATT, chief of the Bureau of foreign and domestic commerce, has an article in the Scientific American showing how the development of American resources has been stimulated by the European war.

Why They Fight (continued)
Thomas A. Edison discovered that tons of benzol were going to waste in most of the coke plants. Mr. Edison developed a method of making phenol from benzol, and now instead of importing carbolic acid the United States is producing its own.

Why They Fight (continued)
It was found comparatively easy to produce aniline from the same source. Aniline is extensively used as a coloring matter and American manufacturers formerly imported more than 2,500,000 pounds of it annually, chiefly from Germany. Mr. Pratt says the Edison works will soon be producing aniline at the rate of 2,000,000 pounds a year.

Why They Fight (continued)
Progress has been made in the manufacture of coal tar dyes, of which we formerly imported \$10,000,000 worth a year. Mr. Pratt says American facilities for making these dyes have been greatly increased and now there is promise that a fairly complete coal tar chemical industry will be established in the United States.

Why They Fight (continued)
Attention is being given to the country's need of potash salts for compounding fertilizers. Before the war we imported \$16,000,000 worth of these salts annually, but the supply has been cut off. Now plans are being made for utilizing the great leek beds in the Pacific, and Mr. Pratt declares that in a year or two the United States may be able to fertilize its farms with American potash exclusively.

Why They Fight (continued)
SWEDEN AND THE WAR
WILLIAM G. SHEPHERD, United Press war correspondent, says Britons are almost convinced that Sweden will shortly become an ally of Germany. He has disclosed an interesting situation which may result in Sweden abandoning neutrality and taking up arms against Russia.

Why They Fight (continued)
Germany has cultivated Sweden's inherent suspicion of Russia, and as a result it is said the Swedes have coiled toward a Scandinavian union designed to waterproof neutral rights. Sweden has barred her territory to the shipment of war supplies destined for Russia and has revived a feeling of distrust toward the czar's government. Whether Sweden can be brought

Why They Fight (continued)
into a conflict remains to be seen, but there is reason to believe that the Teutonic drive toward Petrograd is intended for political effect as well as for military advantage. Further success by the Germans in that direction might bring Sweden into the list of belligerents.

Why They Fight (continued)
Three hundred years ago Finland and the adjoining provinces to the south, including the land where Petrograd stands, were Swedish possessions. But Peter the Great took the Baltic provinces and Alexander I acquired Finland. The Russians are credited by the Swedes with wanting an ice-free port in Norway and enough Swedish territory to give access to it. Russia's desire to expand has made a hereditary enemy of Sweden.

Why They Fight (continued)
Mr. Shepherd's dispatch indicates that Germany has been partly successful in playing upon Sweden's fear of Russia. Should King Gustaf's country enter the war, Russia would be still further isolated from her western allies. Finland would doubtless again become Swedish territory for a time at least, and it is possible that Petrograd, threatened from two sides, might fall.

Why They Fight (continued)
A BOGUS ARGUMENT
HEART breaking predictions and dolorous prognostications of lileitation to follow enactment of the Ferris bill are loudly voiced by the water power owners and their lawyers.

Why They Fight (continued)
Judge Short, of California, is one of these. His arrival in Portland was signaled by an interview in which he predicted stagnation to be brought about by the Ferris bill, due to litigation over constitutional questions.

Why They Fight (continued)
Judge Short is attorney for the San Joaquin Light & Power Company, usually known as one of the Huntington interests. He also appears in California supreme court reports as attorney for Lux & Miller, a firm that is one of the biggest land monopolists in the West.

Why They Fight (continued)
When there is no other sound argument to bring against proposed and virtuous legislation, it is the habit of corporation lawyers to fill the earth with shrieks about the litigation it will bring about. It is an easy argument to make, and is sometimes effective. The railroad and timber interests used it at the grant land conference to frighten uninformed and timid delegates into acceptance of the absurd resolutions that were adopted. But why litigate? The Ferris bill offers power sites to investors on a lease of 50 years at nominal rental, subject to state regulation on intra-state business, and federal regulation on other business, asking only that the business be legitimate and that the law be obeyed.

Why They Fight (continued)
It is a bill to promote the use of the water powers and the development of the country without permitting inflation, speculation and monopolization of resources closely allied with human welfare.

Why They Fight (continued)
If, as they say, the water power interests want use of the water powers and development of the country, why the threat to litigate? If in good faith in their professed desire for use and development, why would they prevent use and development by litigation over the government's perfectly reasonable and perfectly feasible plan for a perfectly legitimate water power business?

Why They Fight (continued)
The threat of litigation is a confession of the weakness of the position of those fighting the Ferris bill.

Why They Fight (continued)
Employees of the street cleaning department who were compelled Sunday night at Calvary Presbyterian church for their work in keeping Portland a clean city, received deserved praise. Even the city administration's severest critics admit that the streets are properly cared for.

Why They Fight (continued)
We must, of course, prepare for what is coming. But we must use our best judgments and accurately discern the signs of the times to perceive what is coming. Unpreparedness is a condition in which no individual or nation likes to be found. But if unpreparedness for war is to be so passionately condemned, what are you to say of a nation that is unprepared for peace? To be unprepared for peace is to be unprepared for progress—is to be left behind in the next cosmic forward movement toward a higher civilization.

Why They Fight (continued)
This is a side of the question that has been shamefully neglected by the "organs of public opinion," and upon its own merits it deserves more thought than it has received. One may dispense idealism with the coldest practicality and still discern that the immediate future of Europe and the world is that labor of reconstruction which can only be pursued in peace. Even if the war spirit survives this suicidal attack it has made on itself, it will be a long time in making a long, long time before it can again convince the peoples that Mars is god and beside him there is no other.

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Eight hundred million dollars is a lot of money—almost beyond comprehension. But according to Premier Asquith's estimate of \$25,000,000 a day, \$80,000,000 would last Britain alone only 32 days if applied toward meeting all expenses of the war.

Why They Fight (continued)
PREPAREDNESS IN ITS RELATION TO PEACE
From the Detroit News.
THIS war is going to end one day. Victor and vanquished are going to sit down in the midst of the desolation they have made, to think. They are going to face the most colossal task of rehabilitation that man has ever faced. They are going to look around the world for such sympathy and help as they may find. In that day, when with wearied, blood-stained eyes the nations of Europe look hitherward, what kind of a United States are they going to behold? Are they going to see a United States, armed to the teeth, standing on their coasts, shouting a challenge?—saying, "We heard you want a fight; come on!" Or are they going to see a United States with all the armament of peace and all the munitions of prosperity and all the arts of healing and plenty mobilized for the help of the nations? That is one side of the question of preparedness which is not receiving as much attention as it deserves, nor as much thought as we will have to give it when the war ends one day.

Why They Fight (continued)
To be adequately prepared against possible attack is the counsel of prudence, of course, and no one quarrels with it. But to be prepared up to the standard of the best military establishments of Europe—to have a standing army of 2,000,000 men if any other nation has it; to have a navy of 1000 super-dreadnaughts if any other nation has it—is gravely questionable on many sound grounds.

Why They Fight (continued)
Our most rabid preparednessists desire no less than this. And this is not only contrary to the ideals that have always guided us, but it may also place us very much out of joint with the times, for who knows that after this war there are going to be any more great standing armies? Who knows whether the nations are going to be willing again to start the colossal armament race which failed so miserably to preserve peace?

Why They Fight (continued)
What a piece of ghastly humor it would be if the United States—the United States which has hitherto been sworn to peace, should suddenly become a military nation at the very moment the world gets ready to abandon militarism for ever!

Why They Fight (continued)
Preparedness gets its only logic from what is to come. To prepare for what may be reasonably expected is wise. To prepare for what may never come is waste. The whole question and method of preparedness is dependent on a reasonable expectation. And in the light of this terrible sauity of blood which the nations are wearily wading through and praying for deliverance from, which is it most reasonable to expect in the future—war or peace? Is it reasonable to expect war? Is there any nation in Europe—even those nations which a year ago were most military-minded—that desires more war? Is there any nation in Europe today that looks other than longingly upon peace? Do they not all nerve themselves to their now jaded efforts by the thought that the end of this war will insure their lasting peace?

Why They Fight (continued)
What, if, while all the rest of the world is praying and preparing for peace the United States alone should be found preparing for war? Can you conceive any more miserable miscarriage of national energy than that would be?

Why They Fight (continued)
During the session of the Oregon state senate, held at Medford, in September, I visited the home of Dr. and took dinner with the "boys," a very substantial and enjoyable spread. I found Mr. Elder a perfect gentleman, and not one word of his language did I hear as to his character or administration.

Why They Fight (continued)
Several times during the years since the driving of General Alexander from the old soldiers from the home and never a word of complaint or criticism did they utter. Taking it all in all, he is the right man in the right place, and I say it as a burning shame that he should be so treated. His successor, to be in no doubt a worthy man, but that is not all. High praise to the good old one, the Roosevelt, for his retention of Mr. Elder.

Why They Fight (continued)
I predict that this seemingly inexcusable action will adversely affect the success of the Republican party in Oregon in 1916, when coupled with other past acts of some Republican officials, and events that are quite certainly yet to transpire.

Why They Fight (continued)
I am not one who is changing from blind partisanship to broad and common sense views of public affairs and of what is for the public good. I support the removal of Mr. Elder retained, and so do many others of Oregon's patriotic citizens.

Why They Fight (continued)
CYNTHIA H. WALKER, Patriotic Instructor of McPherson Post, No. 2, G. A. R.

Why They Fight (continued)
Assails Britain's War Record.
Redville, Or., Sept. 20.—To the Editor of The Journal—What have the English done in this war? Nothing but what was miserably accomplished as a foregone conclusion resulting from the tremendous preponderance of the combined allied naval strength—the driving of German vessels from the seas. Aside from this the English have done nothing but blunder. They failed to save Belgium, which they had sworn to protect, and had it not been for the valiant French army, the British would have long ago been swept into the sea. Lord Kitchener's spring drive met disaster at Neuve Chapelle, which, though hailed as a British victory, was in reality a humiliating defeat. They learned there that an army needed ammun-

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