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A SUBLIME LESSON IN LOYALTY

In not only emptying their treasury of the last penny, but digging down into their pockets and shelling out their spare change to the aggregate amount of \$29.06, all of which was offered as a contribution to the fund of Willamette Chapter, Red Cross, the Marion County Veterans' association teaches a sublime lesson in loyalty and patriotism and sets an example well worthy of emulation by the younger generation of American citizens.

The Marion County Veterans' association is composed of the members of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Women's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the G. A. R., and kindred organizations. They hold meetings throughout the county three times a year and are now in session at the armory in this city. The next session of the association will be held at the picnic grove, at Silverton, on the first Thursday in August of this year. The sessions are held on the first Thursdays in April, August and December.

During yesterday's session Gideon Stolz, treasurer of the association, suggested that the organization turn over the surplus in the treasury to the Red Cross. The venerable comrades not only took immediate action upon this suggestion but proposed an additional voluntary contribution with the result that the fund was swelled to the amount heretofore named which was turned over to Willamette Chapter with expressions of regret that they did not have more to offer. These old veterans offered up their all to the cause of liberty and justice in the civil war, and are still willing to part with their worldly possessions as a contribution to world liberty and democracy.

Do not be surprised if there are further German "gains" on the western front. Leave it to General Foch and the rest. They know the rules of the bloody game, and Germany will be licked to a frazzle, according to their plans.

There will be no swapping of horses while crossing the stream in the Oregon elections of this year. Peanut politics and personal political profits are tabu.

This is no time for neutrals or non-partisans, in either party. It is a time for straightforward patriotism.

General Foch is ready.

Russia is stiffening up and cutting out the yellow. That is glorious news.

Straight politics this year, gentlemen. This is no time for the trimmer.

Czerin knows when he is licked. So does Hindenburg, for that matter, but he is slow in making acknowledgment.

German shelled Americans playing baseball. That is an insult. The Boches will soon get theirs, for that.

The Kaiser has no more chance of winning this war than a celluloid cat has of catching an asbestos rat in hell.—Los Angeles Times.

Another pathetic feature of the Russian situation is that 80 per cent of the people of that unhappy country can't read the story of what has happened to them the past year.

He or she who acquires the Hoover habit these war days and still carries it into effect during the inevitable days of peace, will be among those benefitted by the war.

The Swiss government has ordered 200,000 gas masks, and the meaning of the order is not likely to be misunderstood in Berlin. Readiness to fight gives the only assurance of peace when the Teutons are in a mood for murdering and stealing.

France today is the most wonderful country in the world. Charged with frivolity and all of the seven sins of the calendar, the French are showing what they can do when their nation is in danger. It is in the French blood. All honor to France.

A neighbor says he is no expert on the subject of the air (excepting hot air), but it would seem that there ought to be room enough up there for beginners to fly around in.

without colliding with each other; referring to frequent fatal accidents in the training camps of the air men.

But one death in the last nine months among the Americans on the destroyers and supply ships. This is a remarkable testimonial to the ruggedness of the American sailor and to the care which is given to his physical needs and circumstances.

The Americanization of parliament continues apace. The other day one of the members used the phrase, "We butted in" and the house merrily laughed. Time was when such an offense would have cost a member a full month's salary.—New York Evening Post.

The congress of Russian soviets was so deeply touched by President Wilson's message of sympathy that it replied thanking him kindly for his words and expressing the earnest hope that the time may soon come when this government may be overthrown and the United States enjoy the Socialistic advantages now so conspicuous in Russia.—Chicago Herald.

This Liberty bond never grows too decrepit to do a full day's work or earn a full day's pay, even though you do. And when you want it back, there it is safe and sound and in full measure unto the uttermost farthing. Laying up treasure in the United States treasury may not bring blinding thrills of joy, but it brings days of solid comfort which in the long run count more than all the night thrills that ever happened on earth since the fall of Babylon.—Minneapolis Journal.

OUR SHAME.

Almost unbelievable facts have been brought to the attention of the country with respect to illiteracy, through the draft. It has been discovered that nearly 700,000 men of draft age in the United States can not read or write any language.

There are over 4,600,000 illiterates 20 years old and more. Illiterates above 10 years of age, according to the common basis of reckoning, number 4,416,163.

A NATION OF NATIONS.

In the British House of Lords recently Lord Parmoor made a motion approving the principle of a league of nations, with "a tribunal whose orders should be enforceable by adequate sanction."

On this side of the Atlantic Senator Owen of Oklahoma has urged the formation by treaty of a peace league between the United States, Great Britain, France, Italy, Japan and China. He would have this league demand of Germany and Austria either to make peace within thirty days or for five years the league would shut them off absolutely from commercial intercourse with the rest of the world, and that for every thirty days after the first thirty that Germany refused to make peace a year would be added to the five years' period.

The league of peace proposed by Senator Owens would be a powerful boycotting association directed at Germany and Austria by the six nations composing it, but, while entirely justifiable, it would not include the larger and nobler purpose intended by the organization of a Nation of Nations on the lines suggested by Grotius and favored by ex-President Taft, by the late General Harrison Gray Otis of Los Angeles, and many others.

The history of the present conflict shows that international law has been regarded by Germany and Austria as practically non-existent, as a collection of rules and maxims which may be disregarded by the strong and appealed to in vain by the weak, for the reason that no one is concerned to enforce its obedience. The first essential of law—that it must be obeyed and obeyed by all—is absent.

A Nation of Nations will place no restriction on the number of its members. Any nation, from Switzerland to China, from Norway to Peru, may join it, with only such distinctions in legislative representation as properly pertain to population and wealth.

"The Nation of Nations," says Alfred Crozier, "will not be a mere federation of nations. It will not be a mere temporary and dissoluble union of many governments. It will not be a mere treaty or agreement of alliance between countries. It will be a real government—a new, independent sovereign nation, with its usual functions and powers. It will have and support its own army and navy. Its own officials, exclusively, will direct its affairs. It will not be in alliance with or in any way dependent upon or be subject to the will of any other nation."

The Nation of Nations will not be either a monarchy, an autocracy or a democracy. It will be a genuine representative government, representing all of the nations, and the inhabitants of all the nations which form it, and its only citizens will be the citizens of such supporting nations.

It will make its own laws. Its courts exclusively will construe them and its executive will enforce them without permission or dictation by any or all other nations combined. The only limit on its acts and sovereign power will be its own supreme constitution and the checks, restrictions and limits thereof interpreted by its own supreme court.

The Supreme Constitution should contain such checks and limitations as would make it impossible for one nation, or a small group of powerful nations, to assault the Nation of Nations or undertake to use it for selfish purposes or against the welfare or legitimate interests of any nation. There should be, to begin with, a tentative basis of representation in which each nation should be equitably represented, which basis may be changed by the international congress after thorough discussion. And the basis of representation, when agreed upon by all the nations, should never be changed without the actual formal consent of three-fourths of such nations.

Says Crozier: "The world now must have a great and all-powerful police agency for regulating the conduct of nations toward each other; it must have a legislative body in

which all nations can be equitably represented to enact international laws. It must have a great world court possessing the confidence and respect of all nations, to construe international laws and administer justice between nations in orderly fashion as a substitute for war and carnage. And it must have a Supreme Council made up of the greatest men of the different countries, men with capacity for world statesmanship based on right and justice. A Nation of Nations thus organized and conducted will be the greatest blessing to the race ever devised by human agencies."

The trend of history leads inevitably to a world state. The first attempt may or may not be successful, but the principle of union must eventually prevail. The great conflict may retard the process by inflaming old prejudices and hatreds, or hasten it by inspiring in all the fear of repetition; but it can not change the tendency.

Picked Up On The Street

A RECRUITING OFFICER—"No, there's no question as to the superior attractiveness of the navy to young recruits. It appeals both as to financial returns and the opportunity to advance. Men of any ability and technical training get all the way from \$70 to \$140 a month at the start. But it takes a good man to get into that sort of berth. There isn't one in ten of the applicants who can get past the rigid examinations."

AT A POSTOFFICE WINDOW—"No, sir, there is very little attention being paid to the postal savings department these times, and we make no effort to bring the service to public attention. There is too much confidence in our banks, and besides, the Liberty bonds and the war saving stamps are now attracting all the spare money the public possesses. The saving stamps are drawing in a surprising amount of cash in small units."

AN AUTO DEALER—"There has been no falling off in our business during the past year on account of the war. There may be a slight reduction in the number of touring cars, etc., but that is made up in the number of trucks put out. There is a growing demand for utility machines. We have placed about 400 machines in this field during the past year, and the trade goes right on in spite of a 20 per cent advance in prices. Some of the purchasers may be beating their grocery bills or mortgaging their homes, but they get the money some way, for we do a strictly thirty-day business."

A PRINTER—"Funny thing—the way the trade thinks we're holding them up because we're not making the same prices on job work we did last year. I've just been comparing my accounts and I find I am not making a living profit even with the increase in rates on job work. The prices of paper stocks have gone up fully 100 per cent in many cases, and I can't advance my prices to make up the difference. Almost every week we get notices from the manufacturers that certain stocks will be advanced 5 or 10 per cent. It looks as though the sky was going to be the limit. Under such conditions as these I could get out and make more money as a common laborer."

A NEW COMER—"He had been out for a bicycle trip on the Jefferson road and other suburban byways, had negotiated some of the deposits of "nigger heads" and round gravel and his bicycle seat and his sensibilities had been considerably jarred. "Say, I was in this country in '94—the year of Coxe's army, when everybody was either badly bent or broke, and I thought then that there was some excuse for Marion county in making roads of round gravel and cobble stones; but I'll swear by all the Roman gods that that same gravel is out there kicking around today. And they tell me they have about a dozen rock crushers in the county. Talk about a slow country—why the heathen Chinese were using that kind of stuff on their roads 4000 years ago. There is enough cobble stone lying around loose in this county to cover every mile of highway six inches deep with fine screened crushed rock, and they would be next to bitulithic if properly taken care of. They are doing it down in the south part of the state."

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The juice of two fresh lemons strained into a bottle containing three ounces of orchard white makes a whole quart pint of the most remarkable lemon skin beautifier at about the cost one must pay for a small jar of the ordinary cold creams. Care should be taken to strain the lemon juice through a fine cloth so no lemon pulp gets in, then this lotion will keep fresh for months. Every woman knows that lemon juice is used to bleach and remove such blemishes as freckles, sallowness and tan and is the ideal skin softener, smoothening and beautifier. Just try it! Make up a quart pint of this sweetly fragrant lotion and massage it daily into the face, neck, arms and hands. It should naturally help to whiten, soften, freshen and bring out the hidden roses and beauty of any skin. It is wonderful for rough, red hands. Your druggist will sell three ounces of orchard white at little cost, and any grocer will supply the lemons.

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IN A SOCIAL WAY

By Florence Elizabeth Nichols

WHILE Mrs. C. D. Gabrielson was a visitor in the middle west, she was accompanied by her small grandson, Robert Bishop, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Bishop of this city. They passed a large part of their stay in Des Moines, where they were the guests of relatives. The little lad made himself much at home while in that pretty city and even wrote some letters to the newspapers when uniting with some of the children's activities there.

The following letters appeared in the Des Moines Tribune: Dear Cousin Eleanor: I am on a visit here from Salem, Ore., which was my native home, and my lifelong home, which is 8½ years old. I have heard a lot about the Kiddie club and would like to join. My uncle is working at The Tribune and told me about the Kiddie club. I can often write you what happens in Oregon. I would like to have my button as soon as possible and see my letter in print. Your new cousin, Robert Bishop.

Salem, Ore. Dear Cousin Eleanor: I have four patriotic uncles. My Uncle Clarence has a woolen mill in Oregon, and makes blankets for the soldiers. My Uncle Carl is a first lieutenant in the army. My Uncle Charlie works at The Evening Tribune. My Uncle Billy has gone to Y. M. C. A. work in France. My 4-year-old brother has a lieutenant's suit and can say the salute to the flag. I gave you the wrong address for my pin. Please send it to 1443 West Thirteenth street, Des Moines. I would like to see my letter in print. Your new cousin, Robert Bishop.

The Sweet Briar club held a party at the home of Miss Nellie Taylor Monday night as a bit of merriment for the first of April. A committee of the club also acted as hostesses. They were Mrs. C. C. Chaffee, Mrs. S. P. Kimball, Mrs. John Ferguson, Miss Isabelle Millere and Miss Sylvia Reil. A delightful program was a part of the entertainment. Remarks were made by Albert Steiner on "Why We Celebrate All Fools' Day"; piano selections, Miss Margaret Steiner; reading, Mrs. S. P. Kimball; reading, Miss Gaynell Beckett; games of charades; reading, Miss Jessie May Gregory; reading, Miss Mary Christine Ferguson. James Imlah was a winner in one of the game diversions. Refreshments were served with comical favors. There were about thirty-five guests, including the husbands and children of the club members.

Mrs. D. A. White of 633 North Front street will entertain the members of the C. W. B. M. of the Christian church this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

The women's missionary circle of the First Baptist church will meet this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with Mrs. Earl Rice, 1105 South Twelfth street. Mrs. George Holt has prepared a program and will have charge of a lesson. The many friends of Mrs. E. S. Tillinghast will be glad to learn that she is recuperating nicely

following a recent operation for appendicitis.

The Women's Relief corps will meet tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at McCornack hall for their regular meeting. Mrs. Louise Wells is the president of the corps.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Beautiful sunshine.
Busy days on the land.
Ten times the Germans attacked the French yesterday.
And ten times they were driven back with great losses.
There will have to be further explanations to the German people concerning the wanton sacrifice of the lives of their soldiers on the western

front. Their patience will not last much longer.

The Austrians are assembling an enormous army to overwhelm Italy. But the outcome will be enormous losses, and the people of that country will also demand explanations. The Austrian people are already tired; more so than the German people.

The Armenians have taken Erzerum and points therabouts from the Turks. The ghosts of the massacred millions must be fighting.

German troops are being landed in Finland, and the people of that country will remember the "good old days" under the bloody rule of the czars.

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