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WE ARE IN THE WAR

"The dawning of the first anniversary of the entry of the United States into the war finds General Pershing's veterans somewhere in the battle zone. How many are there, what units have been chosen for the fight and where they will make their first appearance is not known. It is probable, however, that an American army of some proportions is either actually in the struggle or is held in reserve immediately behind the lines."

The above quoted words were cabled in the Associated Press summary last night.

The United States is now in the war.

Our veteran fighters are in the thick of the sanguinary struggle at the front, or ready to take their places there.

Hundreds of thousands more are on the way, by intensive training, of taking their places on the firing lines.

Still other hundreds of thousands are in training in this country, and on their way to the fronts, as fast as all available ships can carry them.

And millions more stand ready to go as fast as there is room made for them in the great cantonments.

And every arm of the service is now being functioned to the great object of ending the war in victory, and bringing peace and safety to the world.

After a year, the United States is a military nation, for the time being and for the supreme purpose of making the world safe for democracy and ending all war.

From General Pershing in France to the conservation forces at home, the United States is now committed to the prosecution of the war to its end, be it soon or late.

There is no thought of turning back.

War was not our choice; but, the issue having been forced upon us by every consideration of our honor as a nation and our duty to the world in which we live, we have no choice but to see it through. We will see it through.

Japan has landed troops at Vladivostok, the end of the Siberian railroad. It is explained that this is not political; that it does not mean intervention in Russia. Quite correct. But it does mean that Japan will protect her own interests in that part of the world, which is both her pleasure and her duty. And she is quite able, and entirely prepared.

There will be no patience, this year, with political camouflaging and the playing of peanut politics for the spoils and emoluments of office. The people have graver things to think about.

It is intimated that the Fabian tactics of the Allies on the western front are over. In other words, there will be something doing besides arranging strategic retreats.

As we go "over the top" here with the Liberty Loan drive, our soldiers will be going over the top in the greatest battle in the world's history.

Now for the Liberty loan drive.

Every heart-beat is a drum-beat.

Germany owes its success in the east to a cynical fusion of force and fraud.

The question of what became of that lost hour is gently passed on to the curbstone debating societies.

It is typical of the Hun intellect that the one science in which Germany leads the world is that of destruction.

Russia's fate should teach other peoples to beware of the ranting sophists who preach that victory is not necessary to security.

By its criminal disregard of the laws of civilized warfare Germany has forfeited all right to a vote in a world peace conference. As well permit a criminal to serve on his own jury.—Los Angeles Times.

Their pep is gone. The German soldiers come up more groggy each time. They are getting in condition for the grand debacle, which is coming as sure as the sunrise, if the war lasts much longer.

Former President Taft says that the spies, incendiaries, bomb-throwers and munition tamperers in this country should be backed up against

a blank wall and shot at sunrise. But why wait until sunrise?—Virginia Pilot.

METHODS OF WARFARE.

The history of the present conflict shows that nations have profited little if nothing by the teachings, the discoveries, the inventions, the science and the literature of many centuries. They still continue to determine the quarrels of rulers by the cave dwellers' method of the destruction of the property and lives of individuals, and in the present war the military propagandists of German kultur have excelled their ancestors only in atrocious cruelty. The soldiers of Attila did not make a practice of raping women, of impaling infants on spear points and of murdering prisoners and non-combatants.

There has been an improvement in weapons. The great cannon that throws dynamite bombs seventy-two miles into the streets of Paris has taken the place of the bow by which the archers of Caesar shot arrows at the foe only one or two hundred yards away. But there was no difference except in the methods employed between Actium and submarine battles; and if the soldiers of Germany were asked what they are fighting for they would reply as did the German soldiers who desolated

Africa or invaded Gaul. "We know not, save that it is the will of Caesar."

Is it not a marvel that the age which has given us the railroad in the place of the stage coach, the auto in place of the surrey, the telegraph and the wireless in place of the horseman, the sewing machine in place of the needle, the typewriter in place of the pen, the threshing machine in place of the flail, add which sends the human voice across the continent with the telephone and makes dead singers and orators speak to living audiences through the phonograph, cannot devise some better means of adjusting the differences of nations than the slaughtering of millions of men in the trenches.

PROSPECTS FOR PROHIBITION.

Delaware is now added to the states formerly wet, which have voted to ratify the prohibition amendment, making nine states which have voted for ratification, five of which have hitherto been wet. Twenty-seven states more are needed to secure ratification. Assuming that the nineteen states now dry will continue so it will need to capture only eight of the twenty wet states in order to banish King Alcohol. It is predicted that five New England states, with Florida, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Ohio, Louisiana, Wyoming and Utah, can be counted on to vote dry. If so, this will secure the adoption of the prohibition amendment, with the votes of five states to spare. War is doing it.

FRANCE'S ANSWER.

Surprise has been expressed repeatedly that the French prime minister was the only Allied leader who made no reply to the statement of war aims of the German and Austrian chancellors. The French position is direct and simple. Premier Clemenceau holds that it is impossible to conclude an honorable peace with dishonorable men.

Henry Levedan, French writer and statesman, gave the following expression of the prevailing French opinion: "Whatever would come from it we would debase ourselves morally from the mere fact of having wavered, were it only for a second, in our unshaken resolution, to have so much as quivered an eyelash on hearing the word peace."

This incredible French resolution does much to render the French invincible; when hearts stand firm legs are not easily shaken.

BISMARCK'S "DAMN."

(New York Evening Post.)

At the time that John Lothrop Motley was American minister to Great Britain, he wrote to his old friend and college mate, Bismarck, a most carefully couched terms, and with an explicit disavowal of any official backing, either from our government or that of England, urging that Germany should show clemency in her terms of peace with France. The whole letter is a most manly, simple and persuasive appeal to that better self which nations as well as individuals deny to their lasting cost. But one phrase, with its attendant comment by Bismarck, spells futurity, as we of our day have seen Prussia develop: "He would be a sincere friend to Germany who would modestly but firmly suggest that the more moderate terms on the part of the conqueror at this supreme moment, the greater would be the confidence inspired for the future, and the more secure the foundations of a durable peace, and the more proud and fortunate the position and character of United Germany." (London, 9th September, 1870.) Bismarck wrote on the margin of the letter, "Damn confidence."

THE DOCTRINE OF NON-RESISTANCE.

(By Raymond S. Spears of The Vigilantes.)
Russia adopted the policy of non-resistance and of turning the other cheek. They fought among themselves, over there. They dissipated their strength and they listened to propaganda. Then they undertook to make an equitable treaty on these lines with Germany, who had preached to them the doctrine of unpreparedness. At the same time Prussian

FUTURE DATES.

April 6, Saturday—Baseball. Willamette university and Oregon Agricultural college, at Corvallis.
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April 6, Saturday—Third Liberty loan drive begins.
April 6, Saturday—Third Liberty bond campaign to be initiated in Salem by street parade.
April 7, Sunday—Charles W. Ribbison of Portland to speak for third Liberty loan at First Methodist church.
April 11, Thursday—Will H. Hayes, national chairman of Republican party to visit Portland.
April 12, Friday—Meeting of Oregon Hogrowers' association for dissolution.
April, fourth week—Marion County Christian Endeavor convention, Salem.
May, dates not set—State Grange convention, Salem.
May 2, Thursday—Dedication of Champeau memorial building.
May 17, Friday—Primary nominating election.
June 20, Thursday—Reunion of Oregon Pioneer association, Portland.

ism had gotten itself into perfect posture for offense.

At the moment when the Bolsheviks were heralding their great success in disorganizing Germany and making mutinies among the German gun-makers, a fine strike scene was staged. That scene sent ten million Russian pacifists into a great ecstasy of joy—"The War was Ended!"

Within a few days Germany cuffed the asinine Russian pacifists on both cheeks, as offered, wiped the abandoned Russian forts off the Russian map and proceeded to invade the land where the fools predominated.

There is no traitor so unspeakably dangerous as the one whose good intentions go no further than to keep his own skin, or the skin of his own spawn, safe.

In Russia there stands the example of the Pacifist Nation. Germany is swarming over Russia's most valuable terrain, planted with skillful propagandists and blind pacifist traitors.

Now Russia must fall back; its habit of peace thought must be vetoed along the lines of common sense and the first law of nature. With half its resources in the hands of a bandit nation it must begin the task of driving that bandit nation from its fairest fields and most valuable manufacturing resources.

WHERE DO YOU STAND?

(By Bliss Carman of the Vigilantes)

Unroll the map of creation
To the wavering long black line,
Where the powers of dark are warring
Against the powers divine.

Here are the fond and fearless
Massed in the great brigade,
Eager, weary, unselfish,
Tolling and undismayed.

Each with his lot to suffer,
Each with his given role,
Each with his glint of glory—
Behold them! Are you a soul.

Willing the worst should triumph,
Willing to profiteer,
Willing to strike for wages,
Willing to shirk and sneer—

Willing to stand forever
In Time's great battle plan,
The cumbersome and discarded
Camouflage of a Man?

Picked Up On The Street

A DAIRYMAN—"Yes, it's a fact that a lot of the dairymen in this section are having a hard row of stumps especially those who are compelled to buy all their feed. But if you want to find out how they are getting on as a class, just go out through the country and take a look at their places. The majority of them are looking mighty good, and that tells the story. You'll find that there isn't any class of farmers that is doing any better year after year than the dairymen. I am getting only 50 cents for my butterfat just now but I know I am making a profit and have been for years past. But I produce the bulk of my feed on my own ground."

A LUMBERMAN—"Business is going on as usual in the lumber and manufacturing lines. We have had no trouble in getting rough labor at the prices we are paying. The great lack in our business is red-blooded, capable salesmen who can go out in new territory and develop business for us. Lumber prices are holding well, with a slight upward tendency, but of course the maximum established by the government is going to be a factor to be reckoned with."

A STOCKRAISER—"I have never made any more money on beef cattle than I have in the past few months, notwithstanding the price of feed. I am shipping big blocks of beef up here from California every once in a while, fattening them in this territory, and turning them over at a fancy price. But I'm not feeding on the hand to mouth plan. I've kept my silos filled up a year in advance, and when I buy feed I buy it right."

A DOCTOR—"Salem is a healthy place just at present, and during the past months has been exceptionally free from diseases requiring quarantine. The biggest nuisance we have to deal with just now is the light form of measles, the symptoms of which are so slight that it would scarcely be recognized by any one except a physician. But it is bona fide measles, and is contagious, and



BILLIE BURKE
"Eve's Daughter"
Appearing at the Oregon Theater Tomorrow.

"THE LIBERTY BOND IS VICTORY'S WAND"

By H. E. Allen, Hillsboro



THEY ARE GIVING THEIR LIVES
WILL YOU LEND YOUR DOLLARS

SUBSCRIBING for Liberty Bonds does not mean giving anything. It does not mean even sacrificing—unless you call it that to spend more needfully here and use more heedfully there. It means safe, sane, sensible, substantial INVESTMENT, backed by the best security in the world—our whole United States, and from which you will receive reasonable income in INTEREST.

Compare this degree of patriotism with the kind that is taking our sons, brothers, husbands and fathers across the seas to probable hardship and possible death. The balance is in their favor if you were to mortgage your entire financial future in order that they may be backed up with those supplies which represent the means for both PREPAREDNESS and PROTECTION. The third Liberty Loan is at hand. Don't wait to be personally solicited for your subscriptions. Go to your bank and VOLUNTEER YOUR DOLLARS.

LIBERTY LOAN COMMITTEE.

is all there is to this conflict—all there is to the bloodshed, the ruined home, and the fatal post. He is trying to Germanize the world. He is setting up kultur as the ruling influence while, as every body knows, there is not a spark of spirituality in it. It simply represents the selfishness and materialism of the age, which gives no place to freedom, democracy or humanity. If the hateful personality of the Kaiser would step out of the way and give free play to the human spirit, the war would soon end and there would not be another one.—Columbus, Ohio, State Journal.

A VISITING WRITER—"I am impressed with the fact that Salem is one of the finest spots on the Pacific coast in which to stage a semi-historic romance. Just as quick as I can get to it I propose to undertake a fifty-thousand word story dealing with the pastoral life of this valley, the political fomentations that have been brewed up here in the state house, and some of the corporate juggery that has marked the past decades. Taken with the scenic surroundings and the historic associations, there is every element for a gripping, broad-gauge story, with a thread of comedy in it."

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Now the Liberty Loan drive.

It will go "over the top," sure.

Some Oregon towns are already over the top.

The great German drive is about burned out.

And now General Foch will show the remnants of the German regiments where to head in.

Fabian tactics are to be abandoned by the allies, it is announced. Quintus Fabius Maximus was the Roman general who wore out his enemies by strategic retreats. This kind of fighting has been all right up to now in the world's greatest battle. It has cost Germany a half million of her best soldiers. But the groggy remnants now need some knockout blows.

The British air fighters have paid back the London raids with interests by striking the German Rhine city of Cologne from the air. Panic ruled there for twelve hours, and there were 248 death, half of them of soldiers. All this is terrible. But the British argue that Germany started this wholesale murder game.

It makes the old-timers rub their eyes to read that Maggie Mitchell, an actress who years ago was among the leaders of her profession, is dead at the age of 86. She had been out of the public eye so long that we imagined she had met with the great adventure long ago. In her heyday Maggie Mitchell and Lotta (Charlotte M. Crabtree) stood for the best in female stage impersonation. Remember Maggie Mitchell's "Fanchon?"

The great loss of life in the current air battle is the terrible fact concerning it. And to think that life is all lost because of the vanity and ambition of the Kaiser makes him the greatest murderer of all time. He has killed a million men to save the curse of Hohenzollernism. That

Some day an enterprising publisher will make a hit by starting "The Gentlemen's Home Journal."

JUDGE DAVIS IS CANDIDATE

More Aspirants for Public Offices File Their Declarations

James N. Davis of Portland yesterday filed declaration of his candidacy for the Republican nomination for circuit judge for the fourth

judicial district, Department No. 4. His slogan is "Patriotic, impartial and undivided attention to duty," and his platform follows: "Being conscious of the responsibilities and that my twenty-seven years in the practice of law in Oregon has qualified me for the office, I will patriotically devote my talents and attainments to the impartial and unbiased determination of litigation which may come before me."

George T. Cochran of La Grande filed his candidacy for renomination for superintendent of water division No. 2. His platform is "Scrupulously and conscientiously attempt to complete the adjudication of water rights from all large streams of eastern Oregon which now remain undetermined."

Other candidates who filed yesterday were:

O. Schuebel, Oregon City, Republican, for representative in the legislature from the eighteenth district. A portion of his platform which refers to the highway commission says: "Highway commission to let contracts sitting with county court and purchase all material and contract labor only. Authorize commission to do work without asking for bids." J. E. Roman, Astoria, Republican, for representative in the legislature from nineteenth district. E. H. Flagg, Warrenton, Republican, for representative in legislature from nineteenth district. He has previously served as representative and as chief clerk in the state senate.

A YEAR AGO--and TODAY

APRIL 6, 1917—our country again entered a "for Liberty or for Death" struggle. There can be no thought of turning back. We are going on—ONE HUNDRED MILLION STRONG. We have sent our boys to do battle. For the third time we are called upon to back them with our Dollars.

Let YOUR name be FIRST upon Marion County's Honor Roll of Third Liberty Loan subscribers.



United States National Bank
Salem Oregon

LADD & BUSH, Bankers

The Third Liberty Bond Sale Will Begin April 6th. One of our Tellers will be stationed in our Lobby to explain to those wishing information and to receive Liberty Bond Subscriptions.