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Relief Fund Is Used For 'Pills' Women Angry

Kansas Clubwomen Say Belgian Money Should Be Devoted to Women and Children.

Topeka, Kas., May 13.—Prominent Kansas club women who have subscribed thousands of dollars to the Belgian relief fund, are up in arms at alleged flagrant misuse of the funds. According to prominent club leaders here, the money was expended in buying cigarettes for Belgian soldiers.

In view of the fact that thousands of Belgian women and children are sorely in need of food and clothing and that cigarette smoking is against the law in Kansas, the women cannot reconcile the idea of their money being spent on "coffin nails."

A strongly worded protest will be sent to the Belgian Relief commission officials, they declare, and a promise will be exacted that future moneys be expended for other necessities than tobacco or cigarettes.

A MAN'S MAN.

The finest example of faith in leadership which has been exhibited to this country since the Civil War is contained in the news that Theodore Roosevelt, without the blare of a trumpet or the boom of a drum, has an army of 200,000 men, the flower of the country, at his beck and call, eager and willing to take the measure of the Huns on the battleground of Europe. That is better than the entire administration with its flamboyant posters, spread eagle oratory, appeals to patriotism, bands, banners and bravos has been able to accomplish since the troops were sent to the Mexican border. And the reason for it is plain: Roosevelt follows speech with immediate action. He says what he means, and means what he says. He goes not around but over obstacles. He is a man's man. It is a judgment on the country for its action last November that we have not more such men as Theodore Roosevelt to handle a situation the gravity of which we are only beginning to appreciate.

REAL REASON FOR DELAY.

There has been much criticism of the delay in Congress in bringing the war legislation to a conclusion. Especially has this criticism been directed against the committee on conference which dealt with the conscription bill; and its members have been accused of hampering the President in his plans for the war. This is unjust. The committee has had no means of knowing what the President's plans for the war may be. He did not tell the committee, he did not tell Congress, he did not tell the country. He kept his own counsel and expected everyone else to do as he bade them. He cannot justly complain if Congressmen have not moved as he would have them. In fact, if he finds Congress slow-motioned, he should know the reason. It is because there is no recognized channel through which the opinions of the President and the deliberations of Congress can be co-ordinated and made effective. Such a channel would be offered by the joint committee on the conduct of the war which the Weeks-Madden resolution calls for. The President has shown reluctance to have such a com-

mittee named and he has thus far been able to restrain Congress from creating such a committee. He now finds that it is easier to influence Congress not to do something—such is the force of inertia, political as well as physical—than it is to influence Congress to do something. If he would only help procure the joint committee he would find, somewhat paradoxically, that he would be able to have many things done easily that now advance with great difficulty.

WARNING TO "DISLOYALS."

If you are not in "tune" with the war policy of the government and an ardent admirer of Woodrow you had best "Hang your harp on a willow tree," lest dire disaster befall you. The following is vouched for by the Oregonian:

San Antonio, Tex., May 13.—Frederick T. Reidt, for 30 years a member of the United States Army and honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant, Friday was sentenced to two years in the Federal penitentiary at Leavenworth after conviction by a military court martial of having made statements disloyal to the country and derogatory to President Wilson.

Reidt's previous discharge was ordered canceled and he was declared dishonorably discharged and his monthly pension of \$50 was declared forfeited.

There has been a stampede to the Officers training camps.

Prosperity:—Wages \$2.50 per day and flour \$3.90 per sack.

The Russian people are wanting to know what the war is about.

This would be an excellent time to abolish booze and food speculators. The world would be better off without either.

Japan declared war against Germany, yet she has never sent any men to France to fight in the trenches. Why does not England call on her to supply men?

Notwithstanding the great crisis this country is facing, an important Cabinet meeting was called off that the wedding of McAdoe's daughter to Ferdinand Mehrenschildt a Russian, might be celebrated.

The fellow who has been tickling himself under the chin with the idea that the rich man will pay for this war begins to realize that, while the rich man may furnish the cash, that the man who "eats bread by the sweat of his face" is the one who will have to pay.

When it comes to putting the food speculator out of business Congress begins to wobble. They are in favor of probes. There is no need of probes or investigations. Its a remedy that is needed. Congress might better get busy and stop it before an outraged people do it for them.

The San Francisco Examiner has this to say of the food situation:—"Unless Congress immediately authorizes the president to appoint a food controller, and unless the nation is immediately put upon rigid food rations, as severe as those of Germany, we will just barely scrape through the coming winter and spring, and the Allies will be starved into submission to Germany before next Christmas, whether the submarine menace is destroyed or not."

Under the guise of "Preparedness" there will be a strenuous effort made to import cheap labor during the war. "During the war only" is the plaint, but get the Chinese and Japs here it will take a war to get rid of them.

The United States will loan to new Russian government \$100,000,000. It probably might occur to a careful business man to examine the security. It might be that Russia of today might not be the Russia of tomorrow. Another disruption would place their credit on a parity with that of the Southern Confederacy.

It certainly is an injustice to restrain Col. Roosevelt and his followers from going to France and forcing others to go who do not want to. People will begin to suspicion that politics has much to do with this restraint if he is not permitted to go. The "big guns" in the army will oppose him through fear that he will overshadow them.

In asking Congress for a declaration of war against Germany on April 2, President Wilson said:—"We have no selfish ends to serve. We desire no conquest, no domination. We seek no indemnities for ourselves, no material compensation for the sacrifice we shall freely make." But is this the spirit of the nations to which we have allied ourselves; and will we sit calmly by and see these nations crush Prussianism only that they may add to their own power? President Wilson also says that "Peace cannot be had without concession and sacrifice."

Are the allies willing to make such sacrifices as would bring about a lasting peace; peace that could be accepted by any nation without humiliation, leaving no sting of resentment? In speaking of "Peace without victory" President says that "Victory would mean peace forced upon the loser, a victor's terms forced upon the vanquished that would and could not last." Are the terms proposed by the Allies such terms as the United States would accept under like circumstances? Let the United States insist that the Allies proffer such terms as would be honorable and fair before she gives her support and binds herself to stay to the bitter end. The United States cannot afford to be a party to any war of conquest.

MUST REGISTER.

Every man between the ages of 21 and 30 years, inclusive, must register on the day soon to be proclaimed by President Wilson for the war census.

There will be no exceptions to this rule. Even if a man belongs to one of the exempt classes, he nevertheless must register if he is between 21 and 30 years of age. The Government will determine who is to be exempt after its records are complete.

The man who tries to evade the provision will face a term in jail without the option of paying a fine. In almost every case throughout the State the census will be taken in the regular polling places used on election days.

EQUIVALENT OF TREASON

Senator Chamberlain will present to the senate a memorial signed by numerous state officials, supreme court judges and citizens of Salem, condemning the advance in prices as the "equivalent of treason" and urging congressional action to relieve a "menacing situation."

Oregon Weekly Industrial Review.

State Development Proceeds Rapidly in Payrolls and Factories—All Lines of Preparedness and Production Meeting the Needs of the Nation—Many Improvements and Investments.

Readers of this paper should send it to friends in other states, with this column marked, showing how rapidly the state is developing, as the best way to advertise our resources.

May 14.—Eugene—Eugene Fruit Growers' Ass'n. receives single contract for \$400,000 worth of canned turnips, carrots, squash, cabbage and green beans.

Sutherlin—Many beans being planted here.

Eugene—Broccoli planting starts in this section.

Vale—Large chrome and magnetite deposits to be prospected in Malheur county.

Coos Bay—More shipyards in prospect here.

Grants Pass—Benj. C. Sheldon is the new editor of the Rogue River Courier.

Grants Pass—26 day clean-up from Logan mine brings owners \$7,000 in gold and \$1,000 in platinum.

Klamath Falls—Utah-Idaho Sugar Co. willing to build factory here if 5,000 acres of beets are guaranteed.

Portland—Peninsula Shipbuilding Co. receives orders for two wooden steamers, about 3,500 tons capacity.

Bend—\$18,000 to be spent on high school enlargement.

Reedsport—Business boom on here, shipyard, woolen mill and milk condensing plant to start soon.

Portland—Factory to make starch from cull potatoes to be ready for this seasons crop.

North Bend—Buehner Co. gives raise in mens wages. Increase of 25 cents a day is announced—expected that this action will tend to settle labor troubles at plant.

Estacada—Co-operative Cheese Ass'n selected site for factory.

Albany—The 31 miles of Pacific Highway in Linn county can be graded and drained for \$7,000.

Roseburg—Water Co. will reduce rates for irrigation here.

Port Orford mill to cut spruce for new aeroplane factory in San Francisco.

Coos Bay—New 2-story business block planned here.

Florence—Shipbuilding to be started in Lane county. Construction may begin at once on 4 vessels.

Milton may have dehydrating plant.

Toledo—New steel cables arrive for renewed logging operations.

Roseburg—Contract let for modern apartment house here.

Coos Bay—North Bend box factory may open soon.

Gresham cannery may share in \$1,000,000 government contract.

The railroads are donating the use of thousands of acres of right of way for farming purposes.

Eugene—County court decides to use wood in new bridge.

Toledo—Toledo & Siletz Railroad Co. incorporates for \$75,000 and Siletz Logging Co. incorporates for \$30,000.

La Grande—692 acre ranch sells for \$45,000.

UP! UP! UP!

Continued rises in merchandise is of almost daily occurrence.

Where we can protect ourselves and customers we are so doing. We recently bought the stock of furnishing goods of Chas. Hartung. We knew that in most of his merchandise it was bought for under present value. We knew that his merchandise was high grade and dependable. It is now in our store reasonably priced.

A few of the prices:

Straw hats, former price \$2.00 to \$2.50, now	\$1.00
Copeland & Ridmour Oxfords now	\$3.60
15c Coat Hangers, now 10c, 3 for	.25
Mens \$1 and \$1.25 silk hats, now	.75

Protect yourself by buying now.

SELIG'S, Cash Price Store,

"Meeting and Beating Competition".

WE SELL THE BEST GROCERIES

Today, tomorrow, or next week you will find the best that can be bought at any time or any place.

SHOES AND LOGGERS SUPPLIES

Prices as low as consistent with first-class merchandise.

FALLS CITY LOGGING & LUMBER CO.

HIGH COST OF LIVING

Can often be reduced if a family keeps a house checking account. Open a checking account for your wife and let her pay the household bills by check. There is no reason why the same business methods should not prevail at home as well as at the office. This bank will take pleasure in explaining the rules of banking to lady depositors.

BANK OF FALLS CITY.

Stanfield—Building boom on here. 100 car capacity fruit warehouse to be built of hollow tile.

Milton—Canning and pickling factory preparing to operate.

Roseburg—\$20,000 Soldiers' Home hospital to be rushed to completion.

St. Helens—Large shipyard to be built at Columbia Bay by California parties.

Coos Bay—County court awards contract for building Bandon-Curry road for \$49,655.10 and Coquille-Coaledo road for \$80,030.50.

Gladstone to have new pavilion for annual Chautauqua.

Hood River—Lumber Co. to put 2,000 acres of logged off land on market here.

With 2500 men taking the officers training course at Presidio and only 700 to be selected it is quite certain that 1800 will return home greatly disappointed at their failure to secure commissions in the army.—Sheridan Sun.

If true patriotism induced them to proffer their services they will not scorn the position of "high private."