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JAPAN MAKES HAY

Professor Bellesort, an eminent French student of Eastern affairs, says that Japan is the only nation that has benefited by the war, that she has built up enormous textile and chemical industries, that "once started in this direction Japan resolved to acquire a complete independence." This French authority merely confirms the information coming from many other sources. In maintaining an economic independence, Japan has advantages over such a nation as the United States, the people of which are willing to work long hours for low wages. Our people are not and should not be willing to do that. After the war, Japan will turn her largely developed industries to competition with the industries of America, and will seriously invade our markets unless we do one of two things,—either approximate the Japanese wage scale or set up a protective tariff barrier. We shall not do the latter. If we do not resort to the latter, we shall buy Japanese goods and pay for them with good American money.

WANT DEMOCRATIC POLITICS ONLY

Appointees of the present national administration seem to have taken a page out of the German propaganda book and adapted it to the services of the Democratic party. A studied effort is made to convince the people that it the war should continue until after 1920 Mr. Wilson should succeed himself as president. This course is to be pursued on the ground that Mr. Wilson knows the situation and that it is not good public policy to "change horses in the middle of the stream." But the propaganda does not stop there. It is used to cover both contingencies, that is, the continuance of the war, and in case the war should end.

In the event of peace before the war ends, the suggestion, as the American people are normally averse to giving a president three terms, Mr. McAdoo is so well acquainted with government affairs he might well be chosen as the nominee for president. Of course, in spreading this propaganda, "there is no politics." Only "the good of the country" is sought by the patriotic Democratic employees of the federal government who are so industriously toiling in the vineyard.—Springfield (Ill) State Journal.

ENCOURAGE CARELESS BANKING

"That seems to be the purpose of the bill to have the general government guarantee bank deposits.

Bankers are protesting against the law as unsound in principle and calculated to encourage unsound banking. They say that for Uncle Sam to guarantee all deposits in banks up to \$5,000 or less means to put a premium on incompetence. Such a law would be an incentive to reckless paying of high interest to get deposits, and solicit business by claiming their deposits were guaranteed. Good banks would have to dig up out of their assets to establish and then support incompetently managed banks that went under.

Socialistic politicians will work hard to put the bill through Congress and the Farmers-Non-Partisan League fathers it in the states.—Industrial News Bureau.

In putting Wilson up for a Third Term the Democrats can "Point with Pride" to promises of former campaigns.

CAMP MEETING

IN
Falls City, Oregon

A large Tabernacle has been erected near the Free Methodist church where Evangelistic services are conducted each evening at 8:00 o'clock. Rev. Klotzback is preaching the old time gospel, and people have an opportunity to get right with God.

A number from Salem District are expected next week to help in these meetings.

Come and bring your friends and enjoy these meetings.

WAR MEASURES NOT

PEACE MEASURES

An exchange says:—"The national government has taken over railroads and express companies. The next move of progress ought to be and will be the taking over and government operation of telegraph and telephone companies.

"Thus the American people are coming into their own. Thus by a fundamental reform they are stamping out the greatest danger which besets American democracy—control of our politics, corruption and degradation of every department of public service—executive, judicial and legislative branches—by private managers of these powerful quasi public corporations."

It is just such unfounded accusations as this that breed socialism, anarchy and class hatred.

As a war measure, we leave it to those in charge to say what industries it is necessary to place under government operation and control to meet the present emergency.

Socialists, favoring establishment of European forms of paternalism in America are using war measures, adopted by government in times of stress, as arguments for socializing all our great industries. To camouflage the public they use such catch phrases as: "Thus the American people are coming into their own."

Are the American people coming into their own, if in peace times a system is established that gradually takes away from the individual the right to carry on one private enterprise after another. Instead of coming into "their own" as the advocates of this socialistic system would have us believe, would we not really be giving up the dear bought liberties guaranteed us by our own constitution which grants the individual the greatest freedom and protection of any document in the world.

War measures are one thing, peace measures are another, let us not confuse the issue and in so doing kill free American initiative with the paralyzing hand of socialism.—I. N. B.

The Fourth Liberty Loan drive is scheduled to start October 1. Oregon's quota has been estimated at \$45,000,000, practically three times greater than the Third call. A drastic system for handling slackers has been recommended. It has been recommended that every person be given a rating

and that committees see to it that they dig up.

The war will never be won by patriotism that is measured by dollars. Profiteers are all very patriotic.

Importing a lot of Chinamen under contract "during the war" looks more like a scheme to reduce wages than to reduce shortage of labor.

Advocates of Government ownership of railroads as a means of cheap transportation will probably change their views after getting the benefit of McAdoo's experiments along this line.

The War Board has issued some more regulations for the newspaper publishers. There is nothing, however, to prohibit free advertising.

WHY WE ARE AT WAR WITH GERMANY

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"The object of this war is to deliver the free peoples of the world from the menace and the actual power of a vast military establishment controlled by an irresponsible government, which, having secretly planned to dominate the world, proceeded to carry out the plan without regard either to the sacred obligations of treaty or the long-established practices and long-cherished principles of international action and honor. This power is not the German people. It is the ruthless master of the German people. It is our business to see to it that the history of the rest of the world is no longer left to its handling."—President Wilson, August 27, 1917.

TRAITORS TO OUR DEMOCRACY.

The general definition of a traitor is one "who gives aid and comfort to the enemy." This is usually applied to direct action, as in the Oklahoma movement in opposition to the draft, or the encouragement of draft evasions, or when an American citizen reveals our war plans to Germany.

Such acts constitute direct treason; but there is a kind of indirect treason, much harder to define and combat, yet often far more dangerous to our country and the success of the war than direct treason. Before the war there were in this country many social, political, or humanitarian movements on foot, all of which were radical (that is to say, advocates of change) in their programs. Such, for example, were the Socialists, the Land Tax reformers, the Pacifists. But all of these asserted faith in the democratic principle in government and wished to gain their ends by converting our democracy. Most of the adherents of these various movements have recognized that this democracy of ours having entered upon war, must be supported—that special programs must, for the moment, be subordinated to the one great object of winning the

OBITUARY

Mrs. Margaret Elizabeth Weikal

Margaret Elizabeth Travis was born December 12, 1840, in Clarion County, Pa., and died July 4, 1918 at Falls City, Oregon. She was married to Lafayette Weikal Dec. 6, 1872, in Allen County Kansas. The family came to Falls City in 1890, and settled on the place they have since made their home.

Mrs. Weikal became a member of the Presbyterian Church in her early youth. Upon coming to Falls City she joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, there being no Presbyterian church at this place. Altho practically an invalid for years, she has been an inspiration to all who knew her, and always had a smile and kind word for everyone.

No children came to this home, so upon the death of Mrs. Rhodabarger they took her baby daughter Abbie, and reared her as their own child,—now Mrs. J. E. Beezley of Astoria, Oregon, who with the bereaved husband, are left to mourn the loss of their loved one.

But there are some persons so feeble-minded or so incapable of grasping the world importance of this war, that they talk and write things calculated to weaken our efficiency in war. These people are traitors to our democracy.

The whole matter is summed up by the Single Tax Journal of California (Everyman, November, 1917): "Wilson's business now is to win the war, and win it soon. . . . The radical press should stop knocking him and attend to its own business—which is to create the democracy that the Allies are to make the world safe for. To fight war, after it is on, is bootless. To hinder its quick, effective prosecution is, of course, traitorous."

But there are other methods than radical speech which can "hinder the quick, effective prosecution of the war." Labor organizations, long engaged in a struggle for better labor conditions, may see in the existence of war an opportunity to secure their demands. If such demands are unusual and if they would have been unjustified had there been no war—if labor seeks to take special advantage of the existence of war, then such labor is traitorous. It hinders the successful prosecution of the war. For the most part, labor organizations have not sought such special advantage, but a few have done so, and in public estimation they stand as traitors to our democracy.

Business men—men with capital—are not free from the imputation of traitorous conduct. That man who places his own business interests above the interests of the nation in this war is traitorously minded. If he deliberately seeks profit at the expense of national efficiency (as in the sale of undergrade materials to the government) he should be punished, not simply as a cheat, but as a traitor. This is the rare exception. It is the almost unconscious exaltation of his own business interests, however, that makes the average business man dangerously liable to traitorous conduct. There is no such thing as "business as usual" during a war.

Finally, the question of honest tax returns and of subscribing to war loans is directly and positively a question of loyalty or treason. There is no need to argue the point that the man who conceals his resources, or makes dishonest tax returns, is a traitor in intent and deed. What about lending to the government? Such lending means usually a slight sacrifice. But the war can not be won without sacrifices—and great sacrifices. If a man has money which he can lend, and if he does not lend, he is traitorous, for he hinders the quick and effective prosecution of the war.

Such traitors may indeed never be brought to punishment, even though they deserve it as much as the radical Pacifist who argues against this war, or covertly belittles the honesty of the purposes of our Allies. But the radical who sneers, and the man with money who can lend and does not, are alike traitorous to our country, to our faith in democracy, and to our objects in this war. And we, who do make sacrifices, know them for the traitors that they are.

This is the ninth of a series of ten articles by Professor Adams.

Don't forget to bring in news items, or drop them in our "news box" at the postoffice. We appreciate them.

July Clearance

During this month we go through stock and select short ends and broken lines and reduce from regular prices. . . .

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