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"I am sorry that you do not wear a flag every day and I can only ask you if you lose the physical emblem to be sure that you wear it IN YOUR HEART; the heart of America shall interpret the heart of the world."—President Wilson.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS

A man once said: "Advertising does no good, I've quit." He did. A year later he said: "Business is rotten. I'm broke." He was.

If you haven't a son in the trenches, you ought to be glad to contribute to the Army Y. M. C. A. fund to help to make life endurable for your neighbor's sons.

The people of Forest Grove are giving liberally to the Army Y. M. C. A. fund, but there are a few exceptions, as always. Some men love a dollar so much better than they do their neighbor's sons that they absolutely refuse to contribute to even such worthy causes as the Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. In due time, if the war lasts another year, Uncle Sam will find a way to separate these tight-wads from their money.

A railway system that hauls the cereal is advising the people to "eat more corn," says the Oregonian. Despite the traffic part of it, the advice is good. The corn-fed hog is the symbol of greatness, and the corn-fed turkey is that of gastronomic delight. Nature abhors anything "skinny"—she reclothes the limbs of trees at first opportunity. So, too, do people look with pity on the slim man and with sorrow at the bean-pole woman. Corn fattens quickly and can be served in many ways to please. Let this people eat much of it and be fat and happy.

Three American privates, victims of a recent German surprise raid, were laid to rest in French soil Tuesday of last week, with full military honors, both American and French troops taking part. Following are the words of a French officer who took part in the burial service: "In the name of the —th Division, in the name of the French army and in the name of France, I now bid farewell to Private Enright, Private Gresham and Private Hay of the American Army." The Express hopes that some day the bones of all the boys who fall in this cruel war will be brought home for burial in the soil they loved.

### AN OUTSPOKEN MINISTER

Speaking before the delegates to the sixty-ninth annual conference of Congregational churches of Oregon in Portland last week,

Rev. James E. Elvins declared that in this war "Germany has lost its soul." He scored the men who, living in this country and sharing its bounties, are not loyal to it. Rev. Elvin said of these: "And as for those unmentionable parasites who have fattened on American freedom and American prosperity, who would be denied even a vote in Germany, and who, by deceit and intrigue, by slander, ridicule and every manner of foul means are endeavoring to destroy the glorious republic that protects them, surely every loyal American man and woman will join heartily with me when I say may they be damned over and over and over again."

Right you are, brother. To hell with that kind of cattle.

Monday of this week was Forest Grove Day at the Land Products Show in Portland, and quite a lot of Forest Grove People were there, But

there was no excursion from this city, as planned by the directors of the Commercial Club. George G. Hancock and W. C. Benfer appointed by President Graham to sell tickets for an Excursion, asked twenty men to Buy Tickets and when Eighteen Refused, the ticket-sellers concluded they had more important business to look after, and Quit trying to sell tickets. What would you have done, Neighbor? The Land Products Show is worth going to see, But it appears many of the people of Forest Grove had already been to the show, Others were going by the other Railroad; Some were going in their Automobiles And some weren't ready to go, So there was no special train. But you should go to the Land Products Show Before it closes. It will be at home in the Auditorium Until the night of Nov. 24. Go when you get ready, By whatever way you choose.

Word comes from Camp Lewis that men with ingrowing gouches

### HE WRITES THREE LETTERS

I.  
Dear Mother: There's no need to worry; They're taking good care of us here. We won't go to France in a hurry—The captain says not till next year. And so, by the time we start fighting The Germans will be on the run; We've not done a thing that's exciting. With love, your affectionate son.

II.  
Dear Mabel: I got your nice letter, And also the sweater you sent. I hardly know which I like better (Your picture's hung up in my tent.) I'm not wasting time on the girls here, You've got the whole bunch of them beat— There's nothing like your golden curls here— I've got to stop now, there's "retreat."

III.  
Dear Ed: All the fellows are saying We'll sail in a week, maybe two— If you only knew how we're praying To get where there's fighting to do. There's only one thing that will grieve me— I met some girls here at a dance. Say, Ed, they're some pippins, believe me! Well, so long, I'll see you in France.

are liable to find themselves refused officers' commissions. Lots of men in this town better not try for commissions.

### PEACE MUST BE PERMANENT

The allies cannot concede peace until they conquer it. When they do so it will be permanent. Otherwise, they fail.

He who proposes peace now either does not see the stake for which the allies are fighting, or wishes the German military autocracy still to control the destinies of all of us as to peace or war.

The revelations and disclosures of this war satisfy the members of the League to Enforce Peace that as long as the present military caste controls the German military and foreign policy, the League is impractical and would not be worth the parchment on which its obligations are recorded.

WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT, President League to Enforce Peace.

### TIME TO KEEP COOL

Whether Lord Northcliffe is justified in all he says about the difficulties of the war situation nobody can doubt that he is rendering a service by telling the American people not to be too confident, and particularly not to neglect any reasonable precaution.

He may go as much too far in one direction as Roosevelt has gone in the other, but his way is much the safer way of the two, for too much preparation never ruined any cause, while too much whoop and hurrah and come-on-boys has led to some disasterous defeats.

Mr. Roosevelt has told us that we ought to get our army into Europe at once and with our flags flying march onto the breastworks. Lord Northcliffe tells us that Germany will not get in our way in putting all the men into France we can ship there, that Germany will welcome a great army of consumers in the exhausted French territory, providing the German submarine can cut our line of communications.

The fight will not be a fight on our men, but upon our oil tank boats and on all our other supply boats, and at the rate the world's shipping is now being destroyed, a rate Lord Northcliffe says is being foolishly minimized by the British government, keeping our men abroad is going to be our real problem and not getting them abroad.

Lord Northcliffe is making a tour of several western states to warn the American people against over confidence. After a hurried

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### CARRY ON!

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—Sir Walter Scott.

For the honor of his conscience and the cause of Liberty  
Young Jonathan, our Jonathan, some centuries ago

Set out to win a freeman's heritage for you and me,  
Did he fail or carry on?  
Why, of course, he carried on!

There's a place in fair New England where his conscience and his sword

Were one day dedicated to the service of the Lord.

We call upon the nations of the world to record

That the good work still goes on!  
Why, of course, it still goes on!

For the glory of his heritage, the honor of his name,

Young Jonathan, our Jonathan, across the sea has gone.

The cause is still the selfsame cause, the blood is still the same!

Will he fail or carry on?  
Why, of course, he'll carry on!

There's a place in far-off Europe where the morning dew lies red

On blighted fields that yet shall bloom when tyranny has fled,

For Freedom's harvest yet shall crown the labors of the dead

That the boys still carry on—  
That, of course, they carry on!

Oh, Jonathan, our Jonathan! say, could you ever guess

The pride that thrills us through and through—the pride and thankfulness?

A nation's love encircles you, a nation's blessings bless,

As you bravely carry on—  
As you proudly carry on!

—N. A. MacDonald in New York Herald. Milngavie, Scotland.

### Budget Meeting

There will be a meeting of the legal voters of school district No. 15 at the Central building, Forest Grove, on Saturday, Nov. 17, at 2 p. m., to vote on the question of levying a district tax.

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