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I'd hate to be a Russian
And with the Russians stand,
A Prussian pistol at my head
And a treaty in my hand.
—Brooklyn Eagle.

When Eve was invited to her first party, she said she had nothing to wear but went anyway. Her daughters have been following her example ever since.

Washington county helped Portland get its first draft quota, but it draws the line on helping out the big (boastful) sister on Liberty Loan or War Stamp quotas.

With recent loans of nearly \$16,000,000 to Greece and \$11,000,000 to Belgium, the aggregate loans made by the United States to our allies now amount to practically \$6,000,000,000.

There is an Indian soldier in the army whose name translated is Johnny Chase the Weasel. After looking at the portrait of the crown prince, we think that Indian is the man to go after him.

The Council of Defense of South Dakota has "induced" many pool halls to close during the summer months, when the employes and loungers are needed in the harvest. That's in South Dakota, not Oregon.

A man who makes \$15 a week has been advised by a writer that he can marry and get along, providing he has saved up a fund. That sounds reasonable. A man who can save a fund out of a \$15 a week salary has nothing to fear from marriage or anything else.

A man cannot do two things at a time. A woman will broil a steak and see that the coffee does not boil over, and watch the cat that she does not steal the remnant of meat on the kitchen table, and dress the youngest boy, and set the table, and see to the toast, and stir the oatmeal, and give the orders to the butcher, and she can do it all at once and not half try.

French soldiers, who receive a penny a day for their services are too poorly paid to keep their lives insured, so the government is working on a plan to insure its soldiers for from \$100 to \$200, to be paid their dependents, in case of death. This law applies to all soldiers so far killed, so France will have a big bill to pay, even at the low rates provided by the bill. In comparison with the pay of French soldiers, the Yank soldiers are millionaires.

TWO WAYS OF MEETING RESPONSIBILITY

Here is a little story of how different people meet responsibility when it is thrust upon them, says the Hillsboro Independent: A man was born in Germany, but emigrated to America, where he prospered, and his sons inherited this prosperity. It is not known that father or sons ever desired to return to Germany. Apparently they were contented with America and the conditions which brought

about prosperity, and probably were well aware that had the father not emigrated or had the sons returned theirs would have been the lot of the German peasant—destined to remain in the station in which he is born, with no hope of rise to wealth and station.

The United States is engaged in a desperate struggle to maintain the conditions which have made it possible for a German peasant to prosper in this country. Defeat will mean that the doctrine that might is right and the great shall rule the weak as they see fit will pursue these peasants to the lands where they have sought refuge.

It would seem that if there were not gratitude, self interest would influence these refugees in using every means at their disposal to prevent this calamity. But do they? We shall see.

A war savings stamp solicitor reports that last week when he called upon a son who had prospered because of his father's emigration he was met with curses, and was told that no one should dictate what he should give. It mattered not that his neighbors, men of moderate means, many with mortgages on their farms, cheerfully met the quota assigned to them. He had wealth, yet he cursed the man who cheerfully gave up valuable time to give him an opportunity to do his duty.

Had his father remained in Germany he would not have been asked to give, but would have been told what he must—not give, but pay—and he would have paid.

The government is fighting this war with two weapons—men and money. Here is how the other man met his responsibility: The first call was for men. Carroll Gates did not curse the man who reminded him of his duty, and indeed, it is likely that he did not need reminding. His country called and he answered, and we know he did not answer because he feared to lose a safe asylum, for his ancestors were not immigrants.

He met responsibility and did not count the cost, and what he gave was his life.

It seems, friends, that there is food for thought in this story. How much longer shall some continue to give freely of what they have, even to their lives and others evade responsibility with a curse?

THE AMERICAN'S CREED

Have you read "The American's Creed," that quintessence of Americanism in 100 words, by William Tyler Page? The creed that won the \$1,000 prize out of 2,000 competitors.

Well, if you have not, you must. And if you have, you have not done enough. You should learn it by heart. Every child in the country should master it like the multiplication table. It will do far more good and, incidentally, it does not take so long. It should be made a part of the "opening exercise" at every school.

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It should be recited standing as with the Apostle's Creed in some of our churches.

Here it is. Examine it closely and you will see why it won the prize:

"I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign states; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

"I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its Constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag and to defend it against all enemies."

You see what Mr. Page has done? You see why this one out of the 2,000 contributed won the prize? Instead of attempting to say something "original," the author has done something far more important and permanent. He has drawn upon the immortal documents known to all of us, the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States, the federal oath of allegiance, Washington's farewell address, Lincoln's Gettysburg speech, one of Webster's speeches, Edward Everett Hale's story, "The Man Without a Country," "The Star-Spangled Banner," the army and navy regulations, the great seal of the United States, etc. He has culled from each of them and has made a composite, not of mere fine sounding phrases, but of the fundamental faith, the sacred belief in all that is implied by the term "Americanism." It fairly reeks with Americanism. And yet there is no blatant spread-eagle jingoism in this calm confession of faith. It is as dignified as it is sincere. It is a notable literary performance, because it is a great patriotic expression. And all in 100 words! A tour de force.

THE SOLDIER'S CHANCES

Great as the danger and large as the losses in the aggregate, the individual soldier has plenty of chances of coming out of the war unscathed, or at least not badly injured.

Based on the mortality statistics of the allied armies, a soldier's chances are as follows:

Twenty-nine chances of coming home to one chance of being killed.

Forty-nine chances of recovering from wounds to one chance of dying from them.

One chance in 500 of losing a limb.

Will live five years longer because of physical training, is freer from disease in the Army than in civil life, and has better medical care at the front than at home.

In other wars from 10 to 15 men died from disease to 1 from bullets; in this war 1 man dies from disease to every 10 from bullets.

For those of our fighting men who do not escape scatheless, the Government under the soldier and sailor insurance law gives protection to the wounded and their dependents and to the families and dependents of those who make

the supreme sacrifice for their country.

The old adage, "make hay while the sun shines," still holds true but to this should be added, cure in shade or partial shade. Hay should be put into stack or barn as soon as possible after being sufficiently cured. Usually hay will keep when the stems, being tightly twisted, show no moisture. It is often practically impossible to follow methods but the closer one can approach these methods the better hay will be secure and the greater returns will be get for it through his dairy herds, according to E. B. Pitts, associate professor of dairy and animal husbandry in the Oregon Agricultural College.

Dr. Lowe, Portland's well known eye specialist, will be at Hotel Laughlin, Friday, July 19. Have him test your eyes for glasses. Scores of Forest Grove references.

See the Round Oak wood and coal range, with or without gas plate attachment, at the Gordon Hardware Store.

THE WAY OF MAN

O Sammy lad, somewhere in France, can anybody tell
Why, as you stroll with sweet Babette, you muse on Yankee Nell?
And, if I know the heart of man, it's pretty safe to bet
That after you get back to Nell, you'll dream of French Babette!

Aliens

There are enemy aliens and there are native aliens. The American who does not do his part toward winning the war, who neither fights nor works nor lends for victory is as much an alien to America's purposes and America's cause as the rankest Prussian interned in this country.

This is a war of peoples as well as of nations, and each individual has a place and a duty.

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