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OREGON WEATHER
Fair; moderate westerly winds.

THE SILENT SENTINEL

For the past two years on Decoration day, when the local G. A. R. committees have gone to the cemetery to remove the year-old flags from their comrade's last resting place they have found the flags had been removed from several of the mounds and put on other graves, sometimes on the graves of little children.

Doubtless this act of desecration is done by boys "for fun" and it is hoped that in the future there will be no more reason for complaints of this kind. Very sacred is the flag and the silent sleepers beneath to the heart of the comrade as he lovingly places this sacred emblem of liberty above his last resting place, and let no other hand than his remove it.

THE MENACE OF THE BEAST

Professor Thomas, head of the department of Germanic languages in the biggest university in America, has been an admirer of Germany. But the revelations of this war have made him see a great light.

"It is no time now," he says, "for us who are professors of German, who have lived in Germany, who have loved many things in German life, and who sincerely wish well to the German people—it is no time for us to sentimentalize in an elegiac strain and urge that the Germans are fond of flowers and Christmas trees and folk songs. They have given themselves over to the beast, and we have got to fight the beast until he is no longer dangerous.

"Prussianism is now unmasked; it stands for conquest, domination and swag. It matters not that German statesmen now and then take the trouble to deny that this is so; Germany is not ruled by statesmen, but by soldiers. We cannot trust a single word its statesmen say, but we can trust what its soldiers do. And it has become as plain as a pike-staff that there will be no good life possible on this planet for those who love liberty, justice and fair play until the menace of the beast is done away with."

That is a pretty clear statement of the reason why we have got to kill Germans, much as we dislike the task. Those Germans have not only "given themselves over to the beast," as Professor Thomas says. They have so identified themselves with

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the beast, in all his characteristics of brutality, greed, cruelty and hatred, that we cannot distinguish between them and their ugly idol; we are driven to believe, in spite of ourselves, that they are the beast—that the beast has become incarnated in the German nation today.

A REAL ARMY

Every American heart thrills in these days as news comes from Washington and France of the big part our troops are beginning to play. The time of preparation, with its discouragements and doubts, is over. We have a real army in France now—a bigger force than Napoleon or Grant ever commanded. And it is increasing at a rate which but a few weeks ago none of us would have thought possible.

"More than half a million" is the vague official statement of the number of fighting men already sent over. It must be a good deal more, by this time. A congressman announced on the floor of the house the other day that 90,000 soldiers were transported to Europe during the first ten days of May. It is reported on good authority that the total for this month will reach 200,000. It is a matter of common knowledge that we now have more than 2,000,000 men under arms, and that at least 1,000,000 are sufficiently trained for foreign service.

It is expected that the 200,000 men sent in May will be followed by 250,000 in June. A Washington dispatch suggests that at that rate there will be about 2,000,000 in France by Christmas. All of them, by the way, will carry their full personal equipment. Their artillery needs are being supplied largely by purchases from France and England. Nothing will be lacking by the time they go into action.

Thus we already have on the battle front more than German military authorities figured we should ever be able to send. Obviously, by next spring America will be facing the Germans in sufficient strength to make war on the scale demanded in this conflict of nations, and to beat the kaiser at his own game.

CROWD GREET'S BRYAN

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the people of the country into three great classes. In the first class he placed the soldier, who makes the greatest sacrifice; second—the president and those about him who bear some of the great responsibility, and third the big class in which those who support the government by work or who furnish money to carry on the government's activity. He pointed out in a forceful way the absolute necessity of a true cooperation of all three classes that the end of the war might come as speedily as possible.

He then called attention to the food conservation question and its importance to both the producer and consumer. He told of how the secretary of labor is organizing an industrial army of boys of from 16 to 21 years. Of how an educational campaign among the school children is being handled and how Mr. Hoover is bringing 22,000,000 families in this country to cooperate in the conservation of food. He told of the financing of the war through tax and loans; pointing out the difference between money raised through taxation—without hope of return and money loaned to the

government, to be paid back with interest. He said it was quite gratifying to him to learn that four times as many people subscribed for the third Liberty loan as had for the first, and twice as many as did for the second loan. This condition he said, justified a postscript to the official announcement that the loan had been vastly oversubscribed, to the effect:

"That the people have given and given and given again, and that they would give and give and give until the liberty of the people of the world were no longer menaced by an arbitrary power."

Leaving the war subject he began his lecture on fundamentals, a word used to cover the three fundamental relationships of man: Man's relation to this country; Man's relation to society; Man's relation to God. In the matter of his relationship to his country he affirmed that our government is the best form of government in the world and one to which the entire world is moving. He said the fundamental principal of our government is that the people have the right to what they want. After he had illustrated this point he pointed out that the irresistible trend of thought is toward the popular government. Giving as illustrations the substitution of the direct election of senators for the old form of election by legislatures, the substitution of the primary for the boss-ridden convention, the growth of the referendum and initiative and the extension of suffrage to women.

In considering man's relation to society he called attention to the measure of rewards. The only just reward, he said, being the assurance to each of a reward commensurate with the values given society. To show that he does not regard this economic rule as necessarily limiting a man's income he suggested certain sums and inquired if the audience thought a man could earn so much. He began with \$100,000 and climbed to \$500,000,000 and left his audience perplexed for a moment as to where he would come out at. But when he explained that those who earned the largest amounts with some great invention or through backing some great idea, never collected the amount they earned, it was apparent that the speaker and his audience were in perfect accord on the subject. To bring home this fact more forcefully he stated:

"That those who earn 500 million are so busy earning it that they haven't time to collect it, and those who collect it are so busy they haven't time to earn it."

His third point—Man's relation to God was given the place of honor in his lecture, and made a beautiful climax for a talk that will sink deep into the hearts of every man and woman who heard it. Here he dealt with the mysteries of our own lives and showed how we live in the very midst of mystery, and how inconsistent it is of one who does not know the mysteries of his own life—the mystery of love—the mystery of patriotism or even the mystery wrapped up in ever article of food that we eat—to allow the mysteries of religion to keep him away from a belief in God and a sense of his responsibility to God for his every thought, word and deed.

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HEAD OF GARDEN MOVEMENT IN CITY

At a meeting last night of the city war garden committee, M. D. Butler representing the U. S. department of agriculture and the O. A. C. discussed with the committee possibilities of the garden movement particularly laying stress on the conservation of the garden.

"The movement in Grants Pass," said Mr. Butler, "is well organized, it being in the hands of a very efficient committee and the present prospects are that the gardens will be a great saving to the cost of living and to transportation." Mr. Butler spent yesterday afternoon and this morning in visiting many of the gardens.

"One garden shows figures," said the visitor, "giving approximately a net profit of \$100 from an area 50 ft. by 125 ft. above cost of labor, water and seeds. This garden produced 25 lbs. of beans, 200 quarts canned vegetables, 12 pounds lima beans, 6 sacks carrots, pumpkins, roasting ears and all the fresh vegetables and potatoes a family of four people could use. Neither was it necessary for this family to buy canned goods during the winter since the 200 quarts amply supplied their wants, and this was during the last growing season which I am told was a very poor year. It may be interesting to note that the water for this garden cost only \$15 which is due to the fact that the gardener irrigated and did not simply damped the surface by sprinkling."

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Mr. Butler suggested to the committee that they keep in close touch with the county agriculturist and the O. A. C. for information on combating insects, he also emphasized the importance of storing, canning and drying for winter use. "Accepting the importance of field and garden sanitation," said Mr. Butler, "the best general insecticide for the small war garden where the owner has no spray outfit, is to apply the dust called '3-in-1' (three in one)."

MAJOR GENERAL WOOD WANTS ACTIVE SERVICE

Washington, May 28.—Major General Leonard Wood, who has been detached from his division and appointed to a position as commander of the department of the west requested today that he be given more active duty. It is expected that his request will be granted.

COUNTY AGENT'S NOTES

Dr. Kerr told us on Sunday night that we might expect the war to continue for at least three years, and that in the event of the collapse of anyone of the allied nations it would continue for a much longer period. Our people are now asked to go on a wheatless ration until harvest in order that the remaining wheat now on hand may go to the allies. The allies are going to continue to need our wheat, and since it is now too late to increase our wheat production, we can yet plant corn, that will furnish us food or at least feed for stock. Plant corn if you have the ground available.

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