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OREGON WEATHER

Showers in west portion.
Showers and cooler in east portion. Moderate westerly winds.

OUR WAR AIMS

It would be a fine thing if American war aims, as set forth by President Wilson in his Fourth of July address, could be printed in attractive form, and hung up in every home and every place of public assemblage in the United States. A frequent and careful perusal of them would serve as an education in the basic principles of government for those who have never given thought to such matters. It would help all to hold clearly in mind the big things for which we are fighting:

"First—The destruction of any arbitrary power anywhere that can separately, secretly and of its single choice, disturb the peace of the world; or if it cannot be presently destroyed, at the least its reduction to virtual impotence.

"Second—The settlement of every question, whether of territory, of sovereignty, of economic arrangement, or of political relationship, upon the basis of the free acceptance of that settlement by the people immediately concerned, and not upon the basis of the material interest or advantage of any other nation or people which may desire a different settlement for the sake of its own exterior influence or mastery.

"Third—The consent of all nations to be governed in their conduct toward each other by the same principles of honor and of respect for the common law of civilized society that govern the individual citizens of all modern states in their relations with one another; to the end that all promises and covenants may be sacredly observed, no private plots or conspiracies hatched, no selfish injuries wrought with impunity, and a mutual trust established upon the handsome foundations of a mutual respect for right.

"Fourth—The establishment of an organization of peace which shall make it certain that the combined power of free nations will check every invasion of right and serve to make peace and justice the more secure by affording a definite tribunal of opinion to which all must submit and by which every international readjustment that cannot be amicably agreed upon by the peoples directly concerned shall be sanctioned."

There is no question that this declaration expresses the matured opinion of the nation. The president has merely put into precise



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and polished English the ideas that nearly all Americans who speak or write have uttered over and over again. They might be put bluntly as follows:

First—Militarism must be destroyed.

Second—All peoples shall freely determine their own fate.

Third—Governments must act as squarely and decently as individuals.

Fourth—There must be an armed league of nations to enforce peace.

There is nothing in these statements to occasion any surprise in America. They are as natural as the air we breathe. They are a part of our political atmosphere. We are surprised only when we discover that they surprise certain other nations and races, which have not traveled so far along the road of political evolution. Eventually, we do not doubt, they will be accepted everywhere. The principles on which our own government was

founded will be recognized and applied, as our forefathers believed they would, throughout the earth.

That is what we are fighting for, generously and confidently, in this second American Revolution, which is a world revolution.

"IRONSIDES"

Writing of American lads who had just had their first baptism of blood, a British correspondent comments on their unfamiliar mental attitude.

He found them strangely stern, with no kind of forgiveness for the enemy. The French, who have suffered incalculably more than they, are less relentless.

For their victory "they were glad in a simple, serious way, and the spirit shown by them on the British front for the first time seems to me, in spite of their youth, like that of Cromwell's Ironsides, stern and terrible to the enemy, who to them is

the enemy of God and mankind.

"Before this war is over the German soldier will come to know and fear that spirit, which is a new revelation on this western front; for our men and the French, fierce as they are in attack, are different in temperament and inspired by a different psychology."

Those boys may yet be dubbed "American Ironsides."

BRITISH SUPERIOR
IN TANK BATTLE

Enemy Land Ships Flee, Badly Beaten, After Rough Fight in Picardy.

German tanks which made their first appearance on the western front during the recent German offensive came off second best in their encounters with the more powerful and better managed British tanks.

Full accounts have just reached the British general staff in London of the first pitched battle between German and British tanks, in which a squadron of six German land ships was routed completely by the British. The battle occurred on April 24 near Villers-Bretonneux, south of the Somme in Picardy.

Six German tanks appeared in front of the British line shortly before noon and started to roll up the flanks of the British infantry positions. A call for help was sent to the nearest British tank camp and a squadron, including both "male" and "female" tanks shortly appeared on the scene. A rough-and-tumble combat ensued.

The British female tanks, which appeared first, were outfought, but the arrival of the heavier male tanks completely changed the situation and the Germans fled after receiving a bad beating.

Meanwhile the British had brought up seven of the new fast cruiser type, called "Whippet tanks," which debouched and attacked the enemy's infantry positions on a ridge, rolling up the German line from the north. It developed that this ridge was held by a line of machine gun posts, while beyond the crest a large German force was massing in the open for an at-

tack. The Whippets ran from shell hole to shell hole, inflicting terrible casualties and completely disorganizing the enemy's preparations for attack.

These seven tanks, each with a full crew of twenty men, inflicted more than four hundred casualties on the enemy in this engagement, while the casualties on board the tanks were only five men. The tanks left their base shortly before noon and were back at their base again by three o'clock in the afternoon.

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PIG CLUBS HAVE CAUSED BIG INCREASE
IN DEMAND FOR REGISTERED BREEDERS

Purebred Pigs Raised by Pig Club Members Being Judged at a State Fair.

Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.

In some sections of the country the need for better breeding stock was outstanding when the United States department of agriculture began its boys and girls pig club work.

In such cases the pig-club agents have practically insisted that only purebred pigs could be used in the breeding projects. This necessitated the importing of registered pigs of both sexes. The results of the demonstrations made by members handling these pigs under instruction from the pig-club leader have caused a great demand for pigs "just like Sonny's." The club members' demonstrations of the advantages and possibilities of well-bred swine when intelligently fed and managed have caused a great increase in demand for breeding stock from the purebred breeders. At first the breeders were inclined to be skeptical, as they expected the boys to buy registered stock, allow it to deteriorate, then offer purebred scrub pigs at meat prices—thus destroying the demand for the breeders' pigs. The breeders were happily disappointed and are now lending their support and backing to the work. One professor says, "Pig-club work has created the greatest demand for breeding stock that this state has ever experienced."

Demand Registered Pigs.

In some cases the refusal of club members to accept anything but registered pigs has induced breeders to have their herds registered in order that they might share in the demand for pigs by club members. A typical case of the influence the purebred pigs brought in by pig-club members is given by a county agent in Arkansas. When the agent began work there were two breeders in the county producing pigs of sufficient merit to meet the demands of the club work. In the first year of his work he had 85 pig-club members. Four of these members secured registered hogs. These hogs sired 58 litters of pigs from scrub sows, thereby improving the blood of 402 pigs. They also sired 47 purebred

hogs for farmers. Farmers also purchased three hogs and 30 sows. The second year in the work the club had 42 members who had six purebred hogs. They sired 71 litters from scrub sows, producing 496 pigs. They also sired 104 purebred pigs. The agent adds, "I think I can trace seven hogs and 41 sows (purebreds) purchased by farmers, as a result of pig-club work in communities, during the second year of the club."

Introducing Purebreds.

Arkansas typifies the manner in which purebred breeding stock is being introduced into sections where they are needed. Last year 1,800 purebred gilts were placed with as many pig-club members. The bankers of the state financed the members. This year between 2,200 and 2,400 pigs also were placed in a similar manner. Another instance of the introduction of well-bred breeding stock and the re-establishment of a waning industry is taking place in the free range cholera-infested section of eastern Texas. The pig-club agent, assisted by the Fort Worth Stock Yards Co. and the state and federal veterinarians, is sending many car lots of immunized sows to the club members in this region where the industry was being destroyed by the ravages of hog cholera.

Increased Swine Population.

Demonstrations of the sort are of far-reaching importance. The swine breeders and swine-record associations bear witness that there is great demand for purebred breeding stock, especially in the Southern states. The pig-club members take many purebred pigs and have been a powerful stimulus in creating demand among the adults. It is interesting to note that of the four states, Mississippi, Georgia, Virginia, and Delaware, reporting increases in swine population on September 1, 1917, over September 1, 1916, Mississippi and Georgia stand second and third in pig-club enrollment. These two states report an increase of 60,000 hogs while the country at large shows a decrease of 5,000,000 for the period mentioned.

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