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... This paper has enlisted with the government in the cause of America for the period of the war ...

**IS YOUR LIFE A HARD ONE?**

Do you people at home feel at times that this war has made your life pretty hard? Read what an American correspondent writes about one of our boys who has been doing his duty:

"In a little field hospital west of Montdidier I stopped at the bedside of an American boy, one of those victims of the German mustard gas, with which the Huns are making all present gains. His eyes were matted with yellow pus and he could not see. His face was terribly burned. His lips were swollen and purple. His whole body had been turned the color of an Indian, and portions of it looked like melted flesh, as though it had been liquified.

"The fighting had been renewed all along the American lines, and German wounded had begun coming into our hospitals. I said to this soldier:

"The boys are getting their revenge for you fellows to-night. He smiled through his seared lips, and in a voice so faint that I had to bend down to listen, he gasped, 'God! I wish I was back there with 'em'!"

Do you still think your life a hard one? Help support that boy and the hundreds of thousands of others doing their duty. Buy War Savings Stamps to the limit of your capacity.

**EQUALITY OF SACRIFICE.**

No man or woman who has acquired a Liberty Bond is relieved from the duty of buying War Savings Stamps. To leave the Stamps plan of lending money to the Government to those of narrow means and to the young people is to be careless of the cause of America and her allies.

Does the average man or woman who earns a substantial salary or good wages have any idea of the sacrifices made by the small investors in the War Savings Stamps to do their 'bit' in the war? It is often a story of silent heroism. If those in fairly easy circumstances emulated the very poor whose souls are filled with unyielding resolution to do their share to win the war, what a boom there would be in the Government's receipts from sales of War Savings Stamps.

Now is the time for everyone, no matter what his station in life may be, to make as great a sacrifice as is made by the most humble of our citizens. Everyone on or before June 28 should pledge himself to save to the utmost of his ability and to buy War Savings Stamps with his savings. There should be an equality of sacrifice.

**LOOK OUT FOR FIRES**

We are getting well into the dry season and the time of year when fires frequently occur. The two scores last week were sufficient to remind local people that this town was almost completely destroyed by fire a few years ago; also that numerous residences have gone the ash route during the past few years. It's a pretty good idea to hunt up the insurance policy and look it over. But it's a better idea to be careful about chimneys and firetraps. Bear in mind that everything is as dry as tinder and it doesn't take much to start a blaze.

It costs \$4500 for Coos county to hold a special election. If the Taxpayers League intends to practice what it preaches it will put its recall off until the November election. In the meantime it might do well to hunt some specific charge whereupon they can qualify the recall, as the voters of the county are not apt to impugn the integrity of their county officials on mere generalities. If

**Tongue Has Played Greater Part in World War Than the Pen**

By CYRUS TOWNSEND BRADY of the Vigilantes



The pen may or may not be greater than the sword. That depends upon use and the user. According to Richelieu the proverb only applied when the pen was in the hand of the truly great. However the matter may stand between pen and sword, how about the relative importance to them of the mouth?

That the tongue is a fiery little member by which a great matter may be kindled has been marked a long time ago, and in Holy Writ. Its power has been eloquently set forth at length in phrases as familiar as household words. The effect of its abuse has been noted. But use and abuse should be and are opposite and equal. Which fact is frequently lost sight of, especially in this present world war.

Yet the tongue has played a greater part than the pen and almost as great a part as the sword in determining events, and on both sides of the game. Witness Von Bethmann-Hollweg's ineffable remark about the solemn treaty which he characterized as "a scrap of paper." Has anything disclosed the German mind more completely? Has anything done more to fix the resolution of the enemies of Germany than that careless phrase? We intend that they shall not be permitted to regard treaties to which they are pledged merely as scraps of paper. By no means.

Again, has any single contribution to the world-war efforts by any single man equaled the words of that maker of telling and unforgettable phrases par excellence, President Wilson? When he speaks the world listens and its better part heeds and approves. He has contributed the equivalent of great and successful battles by his ringing words, and some of them are as immortal as the words of Lincoln or Luther or Shakespeare or Paul.

Nevertheless, it is impossible to speak too much and to lose sight of action in talk. I do not think we have approached that point yet. Indeed, when the history of what the United States has accomplished in its first year of war is known we shall be surprised as well as delighted at the amount. There is still room for talk, therefore, and it is my opinion that the more we talk about the issues of the day the more we discuss our problems, the more we seek to encourage each other with speech—in this instance more golden than silence—the better off we shall be and the more we shall achieve. Don't disdain speaking, it is still a power.

Talk on, my friends. If you do it the right way you will help greatly. But if you can also act, by all means act first and talk afterward.

the present officials are guilty of anything that warrants their recall Western World for one would like to know it. We believe in hearing the evidence and giving the accused an opportunity for defense, before convicting. To vote men out of office on suspicion would be unjust and un-American.

Bandon invites Coos and Curry counties to spend the Fourth here. The celebration that is being prepared under the auspices of the Home Guard will eclipse anything yet attempted here. Committees promise a program of interesting events, with "no waits or delays, something doing every minute." Do come.

Don't be a knocker. If you hear disparaging reports about anyone or any organization, don't repeat them until you have investigated for yourself. Instead, ask the man or woman who tells you what authority they have for circulating the report. It would be interesting for a community like this to have an official investigator to run down false rumors and when the originators are determined add the names to an official "skunk list."

When a man reaches intellectual maturity he refrains from talking about what he is going to do, but merely goes and does it. Lots of men however, never reach intellectual maturity.

She—Did your daughter marry a rising man? He—Say that chap wouldn't rise if the band played "The Star Spangled Banner" at the beginning of the seventh inning.

Notice the Kaiser has again decorated the Crown Prince. His anemic highness will never be properly decorated until a Yank gets his hands on him.

Denying yourself a little wheat and sugar is not comparable with the sacrifice the men at the front are making. It is merely a privilege. Take it as such.

While watching the Marne we mustn't overlook the fact that the Italians are doing their bit by industriously hurling the Austrians back on their front.

Give our boys in the Army and Navy every fighting chance. Pledge yourself to save to the utmost of your ability and to buy War Savings Stamp.

Our men in the trenches and in the submarine chasers are doing their part. Are you doing your part? Buy War Savings Stamps to your utmost capacity.

"Infantry will win the war," is said to be the chorus of returned Canadians. Infantry has won every war that ever has been fought and won.

America must feed the world. It's a big job and requires teamwork. Let everybody pull together in saving

what we have and producing more food.

"It's a lot better for the whole lot of us to be eating American oats, rice, or corn or barley, or good Irish American peraries, than to have the Kaiser feeding us crow at the point of a sixteen inch gun," says Mrs. O'Flatherty.

All you are asked to do is to buy only necessary things and then loan—not give—your savings to your Government to help it fight your war.

The real purpose of the submarine raid is to prevent seashore hotel proprietors from having money wherewith to buy thrift stamps.

We are recalling the degrees conferred on Bernstorff and others of that stripe; but the Kaiser has the third degree coming to him.

War is scraping our sugar bins and our granaries. The less we eat the longer it will take to empty them. Isn't that plain enough?

It is much better to be a worker in the ranks than a shouter on the sidelines. Everybody can be a worker in the food saving ranks.

The Huns have brought the war closer to us with their murderous U-boats and we shall proceed to carry the war closer to them.

Buy War Savings Stamps to the utmost of your financial capacity, and then increase your capacity by saving more.

Senator Cummins is worrying already about how long it will take our army to return home after the war.

The people of Turkey are living on chestnuts; not those they pulled from the fire for their German benefactors.

Can you refuse to loan your savings when other men give their lives? Buy War Savings Stamps.

Some men don't know that they are beaten until long after other people make the discovery.

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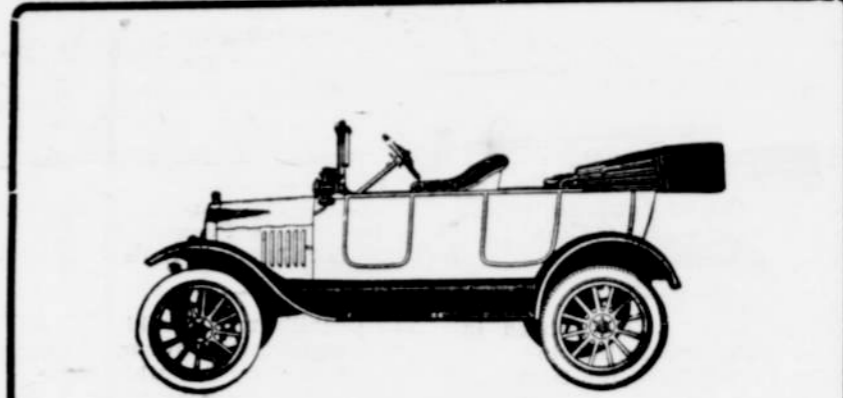
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