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cause of America for the
period of the war

PATERNALISM IN GOVERNMENT

The following by A. E. Bryan, in
the Oregon Farmer, is worthy of
more than passing consideration just
at this time:

Pater was the Roman father. He
was the center and circumference of
the Roman family of the earlier days.
The slaves, the sons and the wife
were "in his hand." That is to say,
not only was his word law for all,
but he had the power of life and
death over all. With this power
went the highest responsibility for
the action of every member of his house-
hold. The Roman government was
organized on the principle of the
primitive family, the "patria potestas"
being transferred to the state as
the father of all its citizens.

The American people are just now
caught and held by the ideal of
paternalism in the central government.
Government regulation of all
public concerns and most of the
private concerns of life; government
of public utilities; government of all
the instruments of production; govern-
ment ownership for any and all
who can not or do not take care of
themselves; government determina-
tion of wages; government regula-
tion of prices; all needs and aspira-
tions and desires to find their fulfill-
ment in government provision.

For some centuries the race had
been struggling in precisely the op-
posite direction namely, to get away
from the over-weening power of
government and toward the largest
liberty of action of the individual. It
is needless to point out that the
modern tendency toward paternalism
is against personal liberty—the free-
dom of the individual. The tastes,
needs, desires of the one must be
sacrificed for the good of the many.
Is the fundamental trend. The
modern tenet assumes that govern-
ment is necessarily beneficent that
it is always wise, that it knows the
facts, that it is all efficient, that
officialdom will never be selfish,
stupid, ignorant, partial, oppressive
or tyrannical. Yet, officialdom in
all the past has been the exemplifica-
tion of these very things. Power has
always turned the head. Govern-
ment has always been prostituted by
some for selfish ends. Our modern
paternalistic tendencies are toward
the creation of two classes—official-
dom and the rest of us; those who
feed at the public crib and those who
gather up the crumbs which fall from
the rich man's table.

Officialdom never creates anything.
Then the rest of us must create
enough for ourselves and for them.
By how much soever they increase in
numbers, by so much the more must
we create to support them. For a
while all will go well, for we can
make the transfer under the name of
taxes. But when the accumulations
out of which taxes may be paid are
exhausted, then what? We will do
as they did in Egypt under Pharaoh
—turn the property over to the state.
That is what some already most
earnestly desire. But what then?
Then we will be a race of tenants-at-
will, on the national domain, work-
ing for officialdom. And officialdom
will use the same old trick of the
demagogue to get the places, and
once in the high places the same
tyrannical tendencies of necessity will
appear. There be those who think
that the only tyrant is a monarch,
though all history shows that a heart-
less government bureau may be more
tyrannical than any individual.

The doctrine of our forefathers,
the doctrine of Jefferson, that "that
people is the best governed which
is least governed" is yet worthy of
our own creative power, in local
self-government, deserves more con-
sideration than it is now receiving.

RELIGIOUS PROPAGANDA

Mr. Citizen, you are now on the
firing line. Imperial Germany is not

SOMEBODY'S DOLLARS WILL DO IT—I WONDER IF THEY'LL BE YOURS

(By Bruce Barton)

I will tell you what will happen some night this winter
in France. Some night when it's cold and dark.

There will be a rustling through the front line trenches,
where our boys stand guard. And a heaven laden
Secretary will make his way along.

In his hands will be great steaming pots; in his pocket
chocolate and cigarettes.

From one man to another he will go, passing a cup full
of hot coffee to hands that tremble with cold; bringing the
comfort of a bit of sweet and a smoke.

Men will hail him cheerily, slapping him on the back;
and when he has gone things will be a little easier in that
trench because he has passed that way.

How much will it cost to make that trip—do you sup-
pose? Counting the pittance that the Secretary is paid,
and the cost of the chocolate and the cigarettes and all?

Five dollars? Twenty-five dollars? I do not know.

But whether it is five dollars or twenty-five, I'd like
to think that it is my five or twenty-five—wouldn't you?
That some night when its cold and lonesome, my money
and yours might send a Secretary out along that front
line trench. Let's make up our minds that we are going to
pay for a score of these trips. A score of the nights this
winter shall be our nights.

—nights when the boys greet joyously the chocolate
and cigarettes that our money provided; and are happier
because our representatives have passed.

merely fighting on the Western
Front. She is attacking in every
community in the U. S.

Her assault is under the direction
of the German General Staff. It has
been prepared as carefully as the
strategy and tactics of a military
drive. As in Russia and in Italy, so
here also a campaign of German
propaganda—a gas attack of poison-
ous lies and rumors and false reports
—has been launched successfully and
is now under way.

The collapse of Russia was not a
victory for German arms. It was a
triumph of German propaganda. The
defeat of the Italian armies was
achieved only after German agents,
working with rumors, slanders, coun-
terfeit newspapers, forged letters,
and all the other weapons of German
treachery, had opened an impre-
gnable Italian position to the suc-
cessful assault of an inferior German
force.

America is now the strongest
enemy that Germany has. A weaken-
ing of our public moral is as neces-
sary to German success as the weak-
ening of Russia's was. The attempt
to weaken us has already developed
two main lines of movement. The
first aims to destroy our unity of
action with our allies, by setting us
against the French, the English and
the Japanese. The second proposes to
destroy our domestic unity by en-
couraging among us every sort of
class dissension, religious differences,
racial prejudices, and political quar-
rel.

In the campaign to promote
domestic disunity, among us, the pro-
German rumor-monger has been very
busy. He is working here, exactly
as he worked in Italy, upon religious
prejudices. He has spread the report
that the Masonic orders have protest-
ed to the Government against the
Knights of Columbus being permitted
to build recreation huts in the camps.
NO SUCH PROTEST WAS EVER
MADE. He has circulated stories that
Catholic nuns were refused permis-
sion to do Red Cross work unless
they wore Red Cross uniforms, and
that Catholic soldiers, and Jewish
soldiers, were being discriminated
against by Red Cross officials. ALL
SUCH STORIES ARE OUTRIGHT
INVENTIONS.

In Spain and the Catholic coun-
tries of South America, the Kaiser
poses as the champion of Catholic
Bavaria and Catholic Austria against
Protestant England, infidel France
and socialistic Italy the enemy of the
Vatican. He does not preserve that
pose in Catholic Belgium or Catholic
Poland. In America the Kaiser uses
this very claim of the Kaiser to
arouse enmity against the Catholics,
just as in Italy the German agent
used it in an unsuccessful attempt to
seduce the Italian Catholics, and now
in America accuses the Italian
Catholics of having succumbed to the
seduction.

Various persons and publications
that made a living out of sectarian
animosities before the war, are un-
consciously doing the work of the
enemy by assisting the spread of
anti-Catholic and anti-Protestant
slanders. They can only be stopped
by an appeal to public reprobation.
They are representing the trouble in
Ireland as purely a religious trouble,
and the opposition to conscription in
Quebec as the same sort of thing.

This is a war of nations, not of
creeds. Prussia is as Protestant a
nation as England is, and Belgium
and Poland as Catholic as Austria.
Anyone who raises the religious
question in America today is acting
as a German agent, whether he
knows it or not, as true as if he were
blowing up munition plants. ALL
LOYAL CITIZENS SHOULD DIS-
COURAGE HIM.

Keep the hut fires burning.

WANT 1500 NURSES' AIDS IMMEDIATELY FOR FRANCE

According to advice received this
week at Division Headquarters, it is
proposed to recruit immediately 1500
Nurses' Aids for overseas duty. This
action has been taken largely because
of the splendid work done by the Aids
during the present epidemic. Women
between the ages of 35 and 45 will be
chosen and given a salary and main-
tenance allowance.

The wire from Washington reads
as follows:

"At the request of Surgeon General
Ireland the American Red Cross has
begun the work of recruiting 1500
Nurses' Aids to be sent to France
immediately to help care for the sick
and wounded soldiers in our military
establishments. Heretofore the army
has not used Nurses' Aids in hospitals
but the splendid work done by these
volunteer workers during the present
epidemic of Spanish influenza has
proven their worth. They have been
serving French Military Hospitals
some time and also rendering great
service in convalescent and Children's
Hospitals in France maintained by
the American Red Cross.

Application for overseas service as
Aids should be made at the Division
Offices of the American Red Cross;
information on the subject may be
obtained at the Red Cross Chapters.
Women between the ages of 35 and
45 who have completed the American
Red Cross course in Home Hygiene
and care of the sick or who have had
an equal amount of experience in the
sick room are eligible for enrollment
in the service for the duration of the
war with a salary allowance of \$30.00
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Women with brothers in the service
and married women with husbands
not in the service and beyond draft
age will be accepted."

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foul air.

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL PROP- ERTY ON EXECUTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,
That under and by virtue of an Execu-
tion and Order of Sale issued out of
the Circuit Court of the State
of Oregon for the County of Coos
on the 23rd day of August, 1918, in
a certain cause in said Court pend-
ing wherein Geo. H. Johnson is plain-
tiff, and C. B. Zeek and M. J. Zeek,
husband and wife, are defendants,
being case No. 4858 of the said Court
and commanding me to sell the here-
inafter described real property to
satisfy the sum of \$205.00 with in-
terest at 6% from March 6th, 1918,
and costs and disbursements \$202.70,
together with accruing costs, I WILL
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Dated October 11, 1918.
W. W. GAGE
Sheriff of Coos County, Oregon.
O17-24-31N7-14c.

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