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THE PASSING OF THE GREAT WAR

I is not customary to use the editorial columns of a newspaper to boost private business, but if this comment has that effect we shall have no regrets. A year ago we were entering upon our second year in the great world war and speeding up every enterprise with the thought in mind of putting a finish on the Hun. Nor did the task at that time look entirely encouraging, however much courage, confidence and hope we had, for Wilhelm's hordes were sweeping onwards towards Paris through Picardy. About this time our own boys were getting their first real taste of battle brigaded with French and British troops.

But it is all over now, the Americans furnished the punch which put the Hun on the run and now our boys are streaming back to their homelands. At a local theatre last night and tonight several reels of official war pictures are shown, which gives us one more last glimpse of how our boys did it. It also shows the work of the gallant English, Scotch and Canadians, the tenacious Italians and the unconquerable French. But the majority of the film deals with the

Yanks.

Soon these pictures will be a thing of the past and our vision of the war will be through histories and books dealing with various phases of the fighting. We yet have a chance to visualize on the screen and from an educational standpoint this method which is far ahead of reading.

The Victory Liberty Loan is due this month. Only a week or so away. If anyone can sit through this picture, which will be shown for the last time tonight, and witness the trench life, the grilling duty of artillerymen under fire, the advance of dough-boys across no-man's-land, see the gallant marines come swinging down the road after their terrible ordeal at Belleau wood, and dozens of other situations, and not buy his limit in Victory Bonds as he would during the war, he is a mighty poor sort of an American.

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WICKERSHAM ON THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

"Before I went abroad last December I was decidedly opposed to our country's becoming involved in any 'entangling alliance' with the nations of Europe. This attitude, I felt, was true Americanism. I looked upon the idea of a League of Nations with skepticism. Closer acquaintance with conditions resulting from the war, realized during two months' sojourn in England and France, has greatly modified my opinion. I feel sure that none of the leading opponents of the League of Nations in America today could go through the same experience without undergo-

ing a like conversion.

"The plain fact is that this proposal for a League of Nations is one that cannot be thought out completely in America.

"I had no dramatic conversion. There was no single experience, no sudden burst of light, which sent me back, like Saul of Tarsus, to preach a different gospel. But on the ground, face to face with world facts, instead of at home engrossed in historic doctrines, it was impossible not to see that America is already enmeshed in a world situation from which she cannot withdraw.

"Let us not delude ourselves, but face facts. The people of America must realize that they are committed to more than merely academic participation in the affairs of the world. It is the first step that counts. We have apparently taken a step from which we cannot retreat. What its consequences may be no man can now foretell.

"But if we were inevitably drawn into the war, we were just as inevitably drawn into the terms of settlement. In a general way every American must recognize this; but the full extent of America's responsibility can scarcely be appreciated here.

"It wasn't argument that convinced me. It was a clearer understanding of the facts. 'The present league of nations plan is not perfect. It not only admits of amendment, but it should be amended.

"Let me sum up in this way: The United States, by entering the war and dictating the terms of peace, has assumed a responsibility for securing the fruits of victory and for an honest effort to insure a permanent peace and the protection of the world against Bolshevism—anarchy. This can only be accomplished by a close union or league of nations that to-

gether conducted the war and overthrew the power of German military autocracy. The proposed peace covenant is the only tangible scheme before the world. It can readily be amended to remove the substantial objections. I am in favor of urging those amendments and of directing the expression of public opinion to the end of compelling the ratification of the treaty when it shall be submitted to the United States senate."

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