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I pledge allegiance to my flag and the republic for which it stands, one Nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice to all.

THE MARVEL OF THE DRAFT

One year, four months and twelve days ago, between dawn and dark, ten million men registered for military service. Since that time fourteen million more have registered, which leaves only five million able bodied men not enrolled. The rest are boys and gray-heads.

While the biggest thing about the draft appears at first glance, to be the numbers involved, the real marvel of it lies in the fact that no where did the Federal war machine intrude into the frame work of our local government. Every precinct, city and county put the selective draft into effect by their own officers—30,000 civilian officials enrolled the greatest military force ever known. The law was administered by home town people, neighbors and friends, and with surprisingly little friction or criticism. It was the finest demonstration ever made of local self government.

Further, every American believes our army to be the finest body of men the sun ever shone upon. It is built wholly upon the lines of democracy. The millionaire and the humblest laborer march side by side. Officers are drawn from every walk of life. No man is exempted because he is rich. No man is selected because he is poor. Past, caste and creed are forgotten. Only willingness and capacity count. The American army is fit to free the world, and the selective draft a badge of honorable service, which in no way detracts from the high honors due the men who volunteered at their country's call.

Those who predict the end of the war in a month or six weeks voice what all hope, but they are spreading views almost as dangerous and insidious as the subtlest German propaganda. The fall of Bulgaria, the collapse of Turkey, and even the withdrawal of Austria-Hungary from the war do not indicate Hun submission. They are in retreat—on the run—but they are far from beaten. All the stories of the abdication of the Kaiser, of the disruption of Austria, of revolution in Germany may be well received with skepticism. Victory is almost in sight, but over-optimism must not sacrifice it on the altar of our hopes. When the Hun is on the run is the time to hit all the harder. All our preparations should go on more vigorously than ever. The Fourth Liberty Loan should be over-subscribed rather than lagging behind. The Hun is not yet beaten. He is full of fight and trickery yet. Saying the war is almost over, is the surest way to prolong it.

The amount of work done by the banks in handling the clerical work of the Fourth Liberty Loan will be astonishing—and it is all done without compensation of any kind, either directly or indirectly. In fact the withdrawal of large sums, especially from the country banks, reduces the profits enjoyed by the banks in normal times. In the whole state of Oregon, only one banker has proved himself recreant to the trust of his government and false to the interests of his community—a banker and man in whom the people of Sheridan can never again have any confidence, for what confidence can any community place in any man who fails his country in its hour of need? When the history of this war is written the banks and the bankers will be given credit for the great aid they have rendered the government—without reward or hope of it.

For more than four years the soldiers and civilians of Germany have exercised a relentless spirit of self denial that has enabled that country to raise 20 billions in war loans, though its total wealth is only 80 billions. America has done much toward ridding itself of the spend-thrift habits which our enemies believed would make it impossible to raise great war funds, but it has not yet even approached Germany in its attainments of self-denial and thrift. From our enemies we have yet much to learn in this direction.

The Crane American complains that there are no slackers in that community. The Willamette Valley can spare enough for all Eastern Oregon.

"George Washington was the father of his country," say Fourth Liberty Loan posters. "But who the Hell wants the Kaiser for a step-father?" Well, who does?

REPUBLICANS HELPED PASS WAR MEASURES

Patriotism of Oregon's Congressmen Is Unfairly Assailed.

The manufactured and unsupported charge that "the election of a Republican Congress in November would be a source of comfort and elation to the Kaiser and his cohorts," comes with poor grace from the Democrats in these critical times when it is recalled that the votes of Republican members of Congress were required to pass the conscription bill and other important war measures. The votes of these Republicans were positively necessary at times when leading Democratic Congressmen balked at the President's war program and not only refused to support but actively opposed some of the more vital war measures.

And yet, despite this fact and the further fact that the President has insisted that "politics is adjourned," the Democratic National Committee is industriously circulating through its campaign literature the charge that the election at this time of other than Democrats to Congress would give "comfort and elation to the Kaiser and his cohorts."

In view of the records of Senator McNary and Representatives Hawley, Sinnott and McArthur, who have at all times supported the President's war program, this sort of propaganda should be vigorously resented by the voters of this state, irrespective of their political affiliations. This unfounded imputation that the four Republican nominees for Congress from this state are not dependably 100 per cent patriotically American can be best repudiated by electing them by decisive majorities.

A WIN THE WAR CONGRESS

The Main election supports the administration's policy of force to the bitter end. Let us elect no pacifists this Fall. The four Congressmen elected from Maine, all Republicans, stood by the President when many of his own party failed to do so. They voted for every war appropriation, for the conscription acts, and for conferring all the extraordinary powers the President and his advisers sought. This is a good time for the voters to turn down every pacifist no matter what party he belongs and to make it their particular business to elect to Congress none but those who can be depended upon to sustain the policy of force until Germany has been driven to her knees and a peace with victory achieved.—Leslie's Weekly.

The same may be said of the four Republican Congressmen from Oregon—Senator McNary and Representatives Hawley, Sinnott and McArthur. They have unhesitatingly given the President the support he has sought in carrying out his effective war program. Governor Withycombe also has cooperated in every war activity. Their records stand 100 per cent. There is no excuse for replacing these trustworthy and dependable public officials in these critical times by untrained and inexperienced men. The voters of this state will fall short of their patriotic duty if they neglect to reelect Senator McNary and Representatives Hawley, Sinnott and McArthur, and Governor Withycombe.

Senator McNary and other members of the Oregon delegation are on the job at Washington attending to their official duties while contenders for their seats in Congress are actively campaigning here at home. Voters will do well to retain in Congress the men who are now faithfully representing the interests of the state and loyally standing behind the President and his prosecution of the war. This is no time to send new and untrained men to Congress.

Senator McNary was one of the 27 Republican Senators to support the Susan B. Anthony equal suffrage amendment. The measure failed to pass. Twenty-one of the 31 negative votes were cast by Democratic Senators. Oregon women should remember this when they go to the polls November 5.

A new food pledge drive will take place during the week beginning October 28, to secure pledges to strictly observe the new food conservation plans by which it is hoped to save 15,000,000 tons of food stuffs that will be required by overseas demand in 1919. New "Home Cards" will be supplied every pledged family in the land, setting forth in detail how this saving is to be accomplished. No visions of an uncertain peace should influence anyone to relax their food saving efforts.

It is a pity that the Observer cannot print some of the opinions expressed by the boys in the service about the slackers and shirkers and pro-Germans, and near-pro-Germans they have left behind. The views expressed in many of the letters that come to the Observer's desk would raise the roof in any pro-Hun home, and many of the boys do not hesitate to name those whose words, acts, or attitude displease them as well as all other loyal citizens. What they say in their letters now, they will not hesitate to say face to face with the disloyalists, when they return to civil life. They will neither forget nor forgive.

Wants, For Sale, Etc

LOCAL AD RATE.

A uniform and invariable charge of 5 cents per line is made for all advertising notices of every description in the news columns of this newspaper. This rate applies to for sale, for rent, lost, found, card of thanks, "want ads," and to all kinds of similar notices as well as to all notices of entertainments, fairs, socials, shows, etc. No reductions or discounts.

Gummed fruit labels (with blanks for kind of fruit and the year canned) at the Observer Office, in little tablets (perforated booklets) at 10 cents per tablet.

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FOR SALE—Team 3100 lbs., 7 and 8 years old. Also wagon and harness. No reasonable offer refused. A. D. Lorenz (or in at Observer), Aurora, Oregon. 28-tf.

FOR SALE—New double barrel Steven's shot gun, 12 gauge, weight 7 1/2 pounds, top lever. Cost \$27.50, will sell for \$20. War stamps same as cash. Inquire at Observer Office, Aurora, Oregon.

MARRY At Once—Thousands of lonely, congenial people, all ages, worth \$5,000 to \$350,000 seeking early marriage. Big list of descriptions FREE. R. E. Hyde, 2534 Minna St., San Francisco, Cal. 27-4tp.

The Observer will send the home paper to any soldier or sailor from this section at \$1.00 per year. We will change the address as often as notified.

GIRLS WANTED—To enter the Oregon City Training School for Nurses. Apply to the Oregon City Hospital, Tenth and Washington Street, Oregon City, Oregon. (30-tf)

Washing Machine in first class condition for sale cheap. Apply at Observer office.

FOR SALE—Twenty head of pigs, from 25 to 75 pounds. Louis Itacette Rt. 3. Aurora (Aurora Mutual Phone). 31

TEAM FOR SALE—Brown team, one horse 1500, other 1400 pounds, with harness and wagon, cheap. Also hay and oats for sale. Ching Poy, on the Henry Yergen Place, Aurora, R. 3, Oregon. 31-2tp.

HORSE WANTED—About 1200, blocky build, from 5 to 7 years, must be sound and true. Write M. Cohn, Hubbard. (31-2tp.)

Hunting Notices—50c dozen, or 5 cents each. Post your premises and keep out those hunters and their dogs that injure and annoy.

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HEAR THIS CALL from OUR HOME TOWN BOYS OVER THERE

LETTERS from our boys in the trenches and from the women in canteen and other war work, all bring to us the same message—SEND US NEWS FROM HOME.

World news is all right, but OUR BOYS want NEWS OF THIS TOWN. They want the home newspaper. Publishers are prevented from sending their papers free to anyone, even boys in the service. Consequently a national movement has been started by Col. William Boyce Thompson of New York, who is acting as President of the Home Paper Service of America to give the boys what they are calling for. Every community is joining the movement. Let us see that our boys are not forgotten.

Send to the publisher of this newspaper whatever amount of money you can—5 cents or \$50.00. We will publish a list each week of those contributing, and the amounts contributed.

Every cent received will be used to send this paper to our boys at the front. If at the end of the war, there is any surplus, it will be turned over to the local Red Cross Committee.

There is no profit in this to the publisher—even in normal times, subscriptions are not sold at a profit. With war prices prevailing, and the high rate of postage on papers sent to France, our cost will scarcely be covered by our full subscription price.

Remember that over in France, some brave soldier or sailor from this town—perhaps even some splendid woman working within sound of the guns—is depending on you to "KEEP THE HOME LOVE KINDLED."

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