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## WAR THROWS BURDENS ON WOMEN.

Exchange: The great international war now raging over all Europe means a great deal to the women of that continent. While the dispatches and newspapers and the bulletin boards in these stirring times are given over to the doings of the men, the soldiers and the sailors, one should not forget the wives and mothers of the war torn countries.

When upward of 17,000,000 men are under arms, millions of them actually in the field, the world does not stop. It must go on. It is up to the women to see that it does go, and that is what the women of Europe are doing today. The uniformed soldier is not the only hero and martyr of the world's wars. "They also serve who only stand and wait."

In Russia, where 2,000,000 men are already under arms on the frontier, the rural communities are practically manless. But things cannot stop. The people must be fed and clothed, the cattle in the fields must be cared for, the crops must be harvested, and the land plowed and planted against the leaner days yet to come, if the cruel war lasts as long as the consensus of opinion seems to think. Field Marshal Earl Kitchener of Khartoum, England's new secretary of state for war, says the conflagration will last for a year and a half.

The Russian women are doing all the work, while their husbands, fathers, sons and brothers, are fighting against Germany and Austria. The peasant men and women have no idea what the war is about, and they are not much interested. The czar said, "Come and fight for me." That was enough for the men. They joined the army. It was enough, too, for the women. They put their hands to the plow, grasped the saw and the hammer, and went to work. In France, too, the women already are feeling the burdens of war. At the outset the government asked the women of the nation to get into the fields and harvest the grain that was ready. They responded with a will. But the women who went to the farm work, went from machines and looms, where has been made the fine French lingerie and lace much sought after by women the world over.

Indirectly, then, the war will be felt by the women of the United States, for there is likely to be very little women's wear imported from France for many months. The Paris fashions, so largely imported to America and copied there, will have to come from some other source while war lasts. The fascinating Paris frocks for women are designed by men, but they are put together by women. With the men in the army and the women in the fields, the industry will languish.

In Austria-Hungary, too, the women are carrying on the everyday work of the land, while the men are doing the fighting. They are harvesting the grain, making the flour for the bread that must be baked by them to feed the soldiers. They are caring for cattle that must be slaughtered and cut up by them to go with the bread that is to feed the thousands in the field. They are running the machines that make the clothes that are to be worn by the troops.

The same conditions prevail in Germany. There every man under 45 years of age has been called to the colors, and that leaves practically all of the ordinary business of life to the women.

Some of the titled women of England have proposed raising an army of 15,000 women to defend the United Kingdom. The women of Hungary are ready to fight shoulder to shoulder with their men, and the women of Serbia are being drilled and instructed in the use of arms.

## WHY WOMEN CHATTER.

(Woman's Home Companion.)

If it were not for the chattering of women, the child would never learn to talk.

There is no one, probably, that will deny that the first words a child attempts to speak are mere imitations of sounds—that they mean no more to him than sounds do to a parrot. When he begins to imitate there is always, or should be a woman beside him, repeating, smiling, encouraging him. The play goes on, month in and month out. With infinite patience she chatters to him until consciousness is aroused. Then rapidly his education goes on. Words are attached to objects; facts about objects are perceived; their form, their color, their odor, their relations to the little learner. The words for all these perceptions are slowly gathered in. Then the child learns to compare, to distinguish values, to remember not merely the sounds he learns, but the meanings of these sounds. His mind is opened to the world, and through a woman's chattering!

"When he leaves her hands at 6 or 7," says M. de Gourmont, "he is a man, that is, he talks, which is what makes a man. The great intellectual work of women," he goes on, "is teaching language. The grammarians claim that they do it, which is absurd. Children know how to talk before they go to school. They already use all the forms of the verb; all the shades of syntax, easily and correctly. This power of language the child gets from the woman. It is to her honor that later he will use it as a poet, novelist, philosopher or moralist, or, to use Nietzsche's strong phrase, as a 'creator of values.'"

Take this view of it—and who shall or can dispute its truth?—and how infinitely more valuable to the world is the chatter of a woman than all the books they ever wrote or orations they ever delivered. It is that fundamental order of

things, without which cultivation, even civilization, could not go on.

## FIXING RESPONSIBILITY IN STATE GOVERNMENT

In a dozen or more states the short ballot as an issue is up for determination. As an issue it is more widely and vociferously urged every year. The heart of the matter is, that better selection of officials be made in the first place; and in the second place, responsibility in the conduct of state affairs be more clearly and unavoidably fixed. All this means more power reposed with the chief executive.

The business of the state would be better done if there were more direct application of authority, and it were the habit to look only to the chief executive for results. But before we can realize that condition there are certain other things that must be done.

If we are going to fashion the principle, and as we may ultimately do, the form of state government after commission government in cities, we must get rid of the herding together in political groups. If we are going to make the head end of the state conform strictly to business principles, we must let the same business principles run through the entire pattern; and that can be done only by eliminating politics from state affairs—by which we mean politics of the partisan brand.

This anti-partisan development with reference to state government is showing in many directions. It is urged, perhaps, more persistently and more vigorously in the short ballot movement than in any other—which may help to explain why the old-time politician is the most bitter opponent of that movement.

Whatever is to be said of the future of the short ballot, the evolution of a more rational and efficient system of state government, which will seek the best in experience and ability for the administration of affairs is on the way. It is only a matter of thought and education on the part of the people, and the political-reward, spoilsman and spite system will be marked for destruction.—Telegram.

## Last Resort.

"I don't understand precisely the functions of the Supreme Court."

"It's like this: You have a dispute with your wife and she decides against you. That's the lower court."

"I see."

"You take the matter to your mother. That's the Court of Appeals."

"I see."

"Then your wife takes it to her mother. That's the Supreme Court."

Talented Family.

"Do you play any instrument, Mr. Smith?"

"Yes, I'm a cornetist."

"And your sister?"

"She's a pianist."

"Does your mother play?"

"She's a zitherist."

"And your father?"

"He's a pessimist."

## Beloved.

He was very bashful and she tried to make it easy for him. They were driving along the seashore and she became silent for a time.

"What's the matter?" he asked.

"Oh, I feel blue," she replied.

"Nobody loves me and my hands are cold."

"You should not say that," was his word of consolation, "for God loves you, and your mother loves you, and you can sit on your hands."—Success.

## A Lamblike Lion.

(Birmingham Age-Herald.)

"Well, did you have that social lion at your reception that you were telling me about?"

"Oh, yes. He was there."

"And did he roar?"

"No. His wife was also present and he could only bleat."

"Say, Hiram, what do they mean by a Stradevarus?" "Oh, a Stradevarus is the Latin name for a fiddle."

## Keeps Talking.

(The Calumet.)

"Does your barber shut up on Sunday?"

"No. He merely closes his shop."

"Father!" "Yes, my son."

"Where do your plans go when they fall through?"

Fifty-three per cent of Oregon farmers employ laborers, paying \$11,162,000 a year in wages. A law is proposed to bring them under the state labor bureau.

Frazer & Son, Eugene have established manufacture of fire hydrants.

Eugene dealer shipped 10,000 pounds Oregon grapevines for manufacture of medicine.

When a good thing is done by one House of the legislature the other House kills or recalls it.

## An Indelicate Remark

"One cannot be too careful in his remarks on some occasions," said a young clergyman, in speaking of a tour of inspection which he, in company with older divines, made of a penal institution.

"The leader of our little expedition, a truly good man, was so impressed by what he learned from the story of one young man imprisoned for burglary that he felt he should offer him some encouragement, of what kind he hardly knew. So, after many hem and haws, he delivered himself of the following:

"Ah, my friend, we must not lose sight of the fact that we are here today and gone tomorrow."

"You may be, sir," rejoined the burglar, "but I ain't."—Harper's Magazine.

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# STATEMENT

## WILL ADOPT SPOT CASH SYSTEM.

On and after March 1, 1915, our business terms will be strictly SPOT CASH and all parties knowing themselves indebted to us will please call and arrange their accounts to meet the new conditions.

Owing to the small margin of profit in the sale of goods in the very latest methods of doing business, we are forced to discard the credit system. After March 1, we will sell for SPOT CASH only. Do not ask for credit after that date, for no matter how wealthy or poor you are, all will then look alike. So keep in mind that the CASH must accompany all orders by mail for goods, or must be paid before the goods are removed from the store.

We regret having to make this move, but the trade has forced us to do so. By sending their cash away to mail order houses and running a credit account at home, the people work a hardship on the home merchant, leaving him in a position whereby he cannot compete with the mail order houses as long as he does a credit business. Therefore, we have resolved to adopt the Strictly Spot Cash System in order that we can meet the prices of the mail order houses. It has always been a pleasure to us to accommodate our patrons and extend credit when we thought it was needed. But the credit system has been so abused that we are forced to discard it, in order to protect our business.

We feel justified in making this move, as it enables us to sell more cheaply and protect the man who pays cash from having to help pay the debts of him who fails to pay his bills; also the interest on long time accounts, or for articles which have been neglected to be charged and the expense of the general upkeep of the credit system.

We are now making contracts with factories to furnish us goods for 1915 at bed rock prices for which we will have to pay cash with the order, and this means better goods and lower prices, thus making a saving for our customers.

On and after March 1, all our goods will be marked down. We give you below both the old and the new prices on a few articles, that you may make the comparison and see what you will save. We ask you to compare our SPOT CASH prices with those of the catalogue houses as well.

|                        | Old    | Spot   |                      | Old    | Spot |
|------------------------|--------|--------|----------------------|--------|------|
|                        | System | Cash   |                      | System | Cash |
| Telephone Batteries    | .30    | .25    | Barbed Wire, 80 rd.  | 2.25   | 2.05 |
| Standard 2-ply roofing | 1.75   | 1.50   | 6" Stove pipe medium | .15    | .12  |
| 22 Short cartridges    | .15    | .11    | 7" Flat Files        | .15    | .12  |
| Galvanized Iron Tub    | .75    | .60    | Colorado Fencing, 9  |        |      |
| Atlantic Boiler        | 2.00   | 1.60   | bar Steel Wire, 39"  |        |      |
| Lawson 2 1/2 h. p. En- |        |        | high                 | .30    | .28  |
| gine                   | 135.00 | 115.00 | 8 Bars, 33" high     | .27    | .25  |
| Lantern                | 1.00   | .80    | 7 Bars, 26" high     | .24    | .22  |

By the above quoted prices you will see that it will pay you even to borrow the money to pay spot cash.

From time to time as new goods arrive we will be able to give still better prices as it will take some little time to make arrangements with factories to get goods at the lowest spot cash prices.

All goods will be reduced to the lowest possible prices. We ask you one and all to come in and see what you can save by buying for Spot Cash.

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