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A GRAVE CRISIS

The torpedoing of the great trans-Atlantic liner "Lusitania" with the consequent great loss of life and a like destruction of the American tanker, "Gulflight" a few days previous by German submarines, presents the gravest crisis to President Wilson, since the beginning of the greatest of European wars. It places the heaviest of responsibilities upon him and which places him open to criticism, whatever shall be his action.

Everybody recognizes the right of the United States government in time of need, to require every abled bodied citizen within prescribed ages to rally to the colors and, if need be, sacrifice his life in defense of his country. The duty is obligatory on the United States to protect the lives and property of her citizens. This mutual obligation on the part of the citizen to the government and the government, to the citizen must be preserved at all hazards, if we retain the respect of ourselves and that of the other nations of the earth.

Prior to the beginning of the present European war, the leading and many of the minor nations of the world, mutually agreed to certain rules and regulations governing the nations at war towards neutral powers. These rules have usually maintained and signatory nations have adhered to them until the present time.

Germany has assumed the right to disregard these international war regulations and England in turn, has retaliated. Germany's rule seems to be, "might makes right" and that she will respect the rights of neutrals in a manner which suits herself. It is Germany's action which has brought the crisis upon the United States and which the president must handle in some way which will protect the general welfare and dignity of the nation.

The action of the warring nations and Germany in particular, has given a deathblow to international agreements regulating usages in time of war. Unless such agreements are, in a measure, binding, it is better to not make them. No nation, hereafter will be willing to accept Germany's word in matters along these lines.

In a diplomatic sense, no president of the United States has had so difficult problem to solve as this now resting upon President Wilson. If he pilots the Ship of State through these troubled waters with that honor and dignity which our nation should retain, we will stamp himself as being one of the ablest presidents of our history.

But in adjusting the difficulty in which Germany's action has placed us, he is dealing with a nation—shall we say without honor? When Germany violated neutrality agreement at will and forgets the inter-

national articles of war at pleasure, her national honor has become a mere plaything. If she is trying to involve the United States in war and on the side of her enemies, she could hardly have adopted a better plan.

The people of the United States, however, have great confidence in the wisdom and discretion of President Wilson. They believe he will in some way and with honor, too, to the country over which he presides, keep us out of the scrap.

A LOCAL NEWSPAPER'S DUTY

Besides the mere fact of making a living, the local newspaper owes a duty to its town and community which, if not discharged as it should be, makes that paper a derelict in a certain sense.

Aside from sustaining the schools, churches and other means which go for the moral uplift of its town and community, it should urge such public improvements as are consistent with the financial welfare of the people. It should encourage with whatever ability it may possess, every possible enterprise, whether public or private, which will add to the business good of its town.

Especially, when a public enterprise is undertaken, in which the interest of every citizen is concerned, the newspaper should endeavor to promote harmony among the people in order that the best results may be obtained.

As a rule, when the local newspaper champions a factional fight, it results in inharmony and more or less hard feeling among the people and is sure to result in financial injury to itself. By this, we do not mean to say the newspaper should not offer criticism when the same is merited. Such criticism should not use harshness in an offensive sense, but in such manner that the criticized will feel kindly toward the paper. It is an old and very true saying "you can lead a horse to water but you cannot make him drink." Men are not unlike horses in this particular. You can persuade them but when you undertake to drive them, trouble begins.

The local newspaper, in order to wield the influence it should, should have the good will of its readers. It may differ in opinion with a reader socially, morally or politically. But as there are two sides to every question, remember the other fellow may be right and the newspaper wrong. Above all, a man should not be totally condemned simply because he dares to express his opinion.

PROBABLY BE NO STREET IMPROVEMENT

From all indications The Tribune can gather, there is to be no street improvement in Scio this year. A plan was devised by which the improvement could be made and petitions prepared, signed by a large majority of the property owners asking the city council to take the necessary action, that the work might be done.

This petition was presented to the city council last Saturday evening. After discussing the matter for some time, the council adjourned to Friday next, when the matter will again be taken up. It is expected, however, by those interested, that no action will be taken.

There is some doubt if our city charter will stand the test if brought before the courts. It is also known that some two or three persons are opposed to the proposed plan of improving the street and who would, probably, take the matter to the courts if the city should attempt to enforce the improvement. For this reason the council is somewhat leary of taking up the matter. One thing is certain. If our city

REPARATION TO BE DEMANDED

A Diplomatic Break With Germany is Possible—Wilson's Policy is Forecast

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submarine operations on condition that the United States induce Great Britain to permit foodstuffs to reach Germany freely.

It is possible easily to forecast the negotiations up to this stage.

The grave question is, what shall be done in view of this certain German reply?

The United States cannot, without loss of dignity and, what is of greater importance, loss of prestige, consent to accept German cessation of murderous warfare on the basis of a bargain with Great Britain. It cannot consent to enter into negotiations with Great Britain about a matter which belongs exclusively to the United States and Germany. Nor can it consent to a prolonged discussion of the risks involved, which may be the effort of German statesmen.

Such a discussion would be futile. In February last, following the establishment by Germany of her submarine zone about the British Isles, Secretary Bryan informally proposed to the Berlin authorities that they "undertake not to use their submarines to attack merchantmen of any flag except when necessary to enforce the right of visit and search," on condition that "shipments of food and foodstuffs will not be interfered with or detained by the British authorities if consigned to agencies designated by the United States government in Germany," for the use of non-combatant population.

The charter is defective, it is to the interests of the people of Scio to know it. A copy of the charter should be submitted to the state attorney general and have him pass upon it. If we are wrong in our organic law, by all means, let us get right. The progress of our town should not be blocked in this manner.

The Scio condensery distributes to the farmers, milk handlers and employes at the condensery, about \$40,000 annually. If the plant could be operated to its full capacity, this sum would be doubled. The condensery plant is due to the co-operation of a few business men of Scio entirely. If we had two or three more manufactories of this character, in other lines of course, Scio property would be doubled in value and the town would be looking up in the world.

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