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PARTING OF THE WAYS

No right thinking man wants war with Germany. All know it means the slaughter of our young manhood and an enormous cost to the nation. At the same time every citizen believes it to be the duty of our government to protect the lives and liberty of our American citizens and, if need be, to compel a reasonable respect for our flag by other nations.

For nearly one year, President Wilson has been trying to persuade Germany to conduct her undersea warfare in a manner which will not hazard the lives of non-combatants and, particularly, those of our own citizens. Germany has promised time and again to so modify the activities of her submarine boats that we would have no cause of complaint. Evidently that government regards promises made to the United States as mere scraps of paper, to be violated whenever it suits her convenience to do so.

President Wilson has been exceedingly patient in conducting diplomatic correspondence with the Kaiser. Entirely too much so, say his political enemies. But he, with the great mass of the American people, abhors war. Many of us know by actual experience what actual war means. We know what suffering and sorrow war entails and President Wilson and the people would go to almost the extreme before saying or doing anything which would send our young men to the field as food for bullets.

But there is a limit beyond which we, as a nation, can or will go and that limit has been reached, is the opinion of President Wilson. And a vast majority of the American people are of a like mind.

Last week the president in an address to both Houses of congress, gave a history of Germany's wrongful acts and of her contempt of any promises she had made to this nation. A stronger indictment against a foreign nation has not been made since the issuance of the Declaration of Independence, than the paper he read to congress, a copy of which was sent to the German government together with a practical ultimatum.

The matter now rests with the German government with the intimation that promises will no longer do. Only prompt action will now suffice.

That the president will be supported by both congress and the people, is a foregone conclusion. In a crisis of this character patriotism immediately steps to the front and partyism is relegated to the rear. Only peanut politicians of the Mann class will ring the party changes at such a time.

President Wilson's actions in the matter is justified by every patriotic citizen and the people of other nations. He could do nothing else without demeaning American citi-

zenship. Nor did he have an idea of gaining a partisan advantage by taking a firm stand against German duplicity, nevertheless some little republicans attribute such as his purpose.

Our American nation has stood much from the Germans. Not only have they destroyed American life over in European waters, they have attempted to foment strikes and formed dynamite plots here in our own land. Her diplomatic corps at Washington, secretly, have been behind these plots, and have the cheek to claim protection, from arrest for their misdoings, by the German flag. Just the same, when these plots and counterplots are discovered, the investigators are held responsible by our courts. Even the German ambassador is being implicated and may be recalled by request, on that account. No other of the belligerent nations are even accused of such dishonorable work.

The friends of Germany in our land accuse President Wilson of being in a sort of secret alliance with England, France and Russia, in that he permits our manufacturers to sell arms and munitions of war to those countries. He has no lawful right to prevent this traffic. Germany can buy of our manufactures if she wishes as she can buy food products. Nor is it our fault that German war and merchant ships have been driven from the sea.

But we do have the right to protect American life and property from piracy, whether it be German or any other nation and, as a matter of course, American life comes first. This is why our president is so strenuously opposed to the indiscriminate slaughter by Germany's undersea boats and makes his leading effort to stop it.

German diplomacy is wholly responsible for the war. She is responsible for the reign of terror she has sought to inspire with her airships and submarines. She is responsible for the war she wages on and the lives of non-combatants she destroys. No civilized nation has, heretofore, conducted war on so brutal basis and the civilized world will hold the German nation responsible for this crime against civilization.

Let the German under sea boats operate against the war ships of her foes in any manner she pleases and the world will say amen. Let her capture belligerent merchantmen and appropriate both ship and cargo and the world will say she is within her rights. But to send her airships over defenseless towns to drop destructive bombs to destroy women and children and the world will say such warfare is barbarous.

President Wilson is right when he tells Germany she must stop her indiscriminate undersea warfare wherein American lives are jeopardized. He would be derelict in duty if he did not do so. After patiently striving to persuade Germany to live up to international laws of war—laws which she assisted in the making, our president has the backing of the American people behind him, if we except German sympathizers and very cheap peanut politicians, who oppose him for partisan gain.

FIGHT FOR LOWER TAXATION

The Benton County Courier is making an aggressive fight for lower taxation in Oregon and the interests have been spread to other counties. It is the purpose to make the demand for lower taxation state wide and The Tribune hopes the effort will be successful. It ought. Such a pressure should be brought to bear on the legislature, next winter, that that body will be forced to give the people relief. And it will take strong pressure too, for many

of the old gang are up for reelection.

The sins of the legislature are many and great in devising ways and methods to waste the peoples money. While the state tax is small—only three mills and not a very heavy burden to the individual this, added to state licenses, inheritance taxes, etc., furnish the state an enormous sum of money to expend and, be it remembered, the money is always spent and deficiencies are generally reported to be added to future appropriation bills.

But when we analyze our tax receipts, we find that the state is not the only money gourmand. Our counties, cities, school and road districts all have the habit. In Linn county, for instance, the state and county levy is but eleven mills. Yet when the various special levies are totaled, in the cities and towns, the aggregate is from 25 to 40 mills. For two-thirds of our taxes, the people are responsible for they vote it upon themselves.

Still we do not excuse the legislature for its wasteful appropriations nor for the needless officials it foists upon the people.

For instance, in Linn county we have two officials, recorder and school supervisor, for which we have no more need than a wagon has for five wheels. Nor have we any need whatever for two circuit judges. Probably Benton county taxpayers are being buncoed in like manner.

If Brother Brown will look out west from his office he can see one of the great reasons for high taxation. Our state colleges are costing the tax payers nearly \$1,000,000 annually. Are they worth it to the state?

But can we get better and more economical results from the legislature, if we continue to send impecunious lawyers and others, who pay little if any taxes, down there to make laws for us and spend our money?

The legislator is our most important official. True his per diem is small; but just look at the fat jobs he hands out, the salaries he raises but never lowers; the commissions he creates to spend our tax moneys, the unnecessary clerks he hires, etc. The people fall down in the quality of the personnel of the legislature they elect. We do not send our best fitted men there because they will not go. But the time is not far distant when our best fitted men and women will be glad to go. They will do so in self defense and of a patriotic desire to place our great state in the column of wise economy.

It is quite time for the people to act in this matter. Get out to the primary election. Nominate men for the legislature in whose hands the people's interests are safe. If you do not think the candidates who offer themselves are the right men, write in the names of men you know are right. Our Corvallis friends have started a movement which we hope will spread to every county in the state. We must have legislatures which are economically wise and which cannot be swept from its feet by the modern boasting crowd, else the people will abolish that body as one which has outlived its usefulness.

Federated Church SCIO, OREGON

Sunday School 10 a. m.
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Prayer Meeting, Thursday 7:30 p. m.
Brother Meikeljohn, Leader.
H. B. Iler, Pastor.

In making up your list of papers and magazines for winter reading, don't neglect to include The Scio Tribune in the number.

Political Announcements

For County Commissioner

I, the undersigned, hereby announce myself as a candidate for County Commissioner at the forthcoming primary election subject to the will of the Republicans of Linn County.

I submit my record as commissioner to you and invite your close scrutiny. I feel that I have done my duty as an official with justice and impartiality. If you think so, give me your vote.

T. J. Butler

For County Commissioner

W. E. CHRISMAN
OF SCIO
PLATFORM

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W. E. Chrisman

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