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ABUSE OF LIBERTY

The United States, with other entente nations are determined to win the war. No other conclusion is tenable nor should be considered. The cost in men and money will be enormous and will test to the utmost the resources of every nation engaged.

While we, the people, are sending our young men over to the battle front in Europe and many of whom, if they return at all, will do so in a long box, it is the patriotic duty of the citizens who remain at home, to provide for our boys, who are battling for democracy, every equipment which will aid them in defeating the armies fighting for autocracy and to give them every comfort within our power.

It is our duty, also, to preserve harmony, so far as may be, through the nation and give to the president and others upon whom devolve the prosecution of the war a loyal and patriotic support and to severely frown upon any and all, who by word or otherwise, detract in any way from the one central purpose—the winning of the war.

Strange as it may appear, we have men in official life as well as those in private life, who say and do things which are calculated to embarrass and defeat the efforts of the government in preparing for the mighty struggle which is ahead of our army and navy. We have them in congress, the mayor of the second city of the United States, and far too many who call themselves I. W. W.

Now all of these men are for or against the government. Their sympathies are either for the nations which are struggling for a world democracy or they are for the side which would make every government on the earth autocratic. Living under a government which gives them the broadest liberty of free speech and free action, they are using that liberty to defeat the efforts of their government to protect herself against the aggressions of autocracy and the freedom of her citizens to enjoy the liberties to which all of the principal governments of the earth have solemnly agreed. Why are not these men traitors? Why are not the congressmen, who talk and vote against measures necessary to carry on the war to a successful conclusion, as great traitors as the men who attempted to destroy the government in the sixties? Why should their official positions protect them from prosecution for treasonable acts? And why should we punish the insignificant I. W. W., who wields no influence of considerable importance when we allow these German sympathizing congressmen free reins to talk and vote their treasonable ideas?

It is quite time for the government to take heroic action in sur-

pressing treason and treasonable talk, whenever it may be found and The Tribune thinks that the work should begin in congress, where the German sympathy is manifested in delaying measures which are vitally important in the prosecution of the war.

It does not seem to be just right to pick up and punish the little fellow, whose treasonable talk and acts are of comparative small importance and allow the big fellow, whose influence reaches out all over our land to be immune.

Of course the German sympathizers throughout our country, great or small, are few in number when compared with the millions who are giving the government a loyal and patriotic support. Yet they are a noisy bunch and wield an influence which gets many innocent men into trouble. They should be suppressed no matter whether in or out of congress. There is not room in the United States for men who use the liberty of speech and action to attempt to embarrass or break down the government whose laws give them protection.

NORTHWEST THE GOAT

The price fixing commission, whether or not intentional, has made the wheat growers of the northwest the goat in fixing the price of wheat throughout the nation. That is to say the northwest grower must sell his wheat product at a price 30 to 50 cents per bushel lower than the wheat growers of the Mississippi valley.

The government is urging a greater production of wheat next year than in any other year in the history of the nation. Oregon is asked to increase her acreage by 250,000 acres. Yet in effect, the government tells the Oregon farmer that he must sell his product for less than farmers east of the Rocky mountains are required to sell. To say the least, this is not encouraging to the Oregon and Washington farmers. Yet they will, doubtless, respond to the government's request by growing the additional number of acres required. They will do this, rather because of patriotic spirit, than the encouragement given them by the price fixing commission.

The commission assumed that the northwest farmer could only get his product to the world market by rail to the Atlantic seaboard, when the vast majority of our wheat will be transported to market by cargo lots via the Panama canal. Last year, because of lack of cargo ships, the bulk of our wheat crop was transported east by rail. The result was the worst freight congestion in the history of American railways. The trackage and warehouses of the east were entirely inadequate to handle the enormous tonnage they were called upon to handle. The price fixing commission seems to have thought this same freight congestion must reoccur this year and penalized the northwestern farmer accordingly. Also, the canal was unable much of last year because of land slides.

This year conditions are different. The canal is free of landslides and ships are much more abundant. It is thought by shipping men that, if the government ships now building and to be built, and with other ships which can be made available, our entire surplus of wheat and flour can be conveyed to market through the canal to the European market as cheaply as from Chicago. Therefore the differential in freight rates should not exist.

Should the present fixed price be maintained, our wheat growers will be compelled to sell, not only what is shipped to the Atlantic seaboard but what is consumed at home, for the price named by the commission,

no matter whether or not our surplus is sent to market in ships.

No part of the United States has proved itself more patriotic than the northwest. Especially Oregon has shown her promptness to answer the government's requirements in a manner which should win commendation from government officials, rather than penalization. No state was more prompt to send her troops to the border last year, than Oregon. No state has furnished as many volunteers, proportionately, than has Oregon and because of this fact Oregon has to furnish the lowest number for the draft than any state. These facts should so appeal to the price fixing commission and the president, that we should be treated fairly in the price of wheat. This is all we are now asking and as it is but justice, our appeal should be granted.

Moreover, wheat grown in the northwest is much superior to most of the wheat usually shipped to the Chicago market and should be graded accordingly.

If the government gives the northwest manifest justice at this time, it will mean \$12,000,000 more to the northwest wheat growers, yet will not add a penny to the cost the consumer will pay for his flour. It will, also, greatly mitigate car shortage, which should be deemed an important item, when we consider the great number of troops our railroads must handle during the coming winter.

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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned as executor of the last will and testament of Isaac C. Bates, deceased, has filed in the County Court for Linn County, Oregon, his final account as such executor, and that Monday, the 17th day of September, 1917, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. has been fixed by said Court as the time for hearing of objections to said account and the settlement thereof.

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