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DO WE REALIZE OUR SITUATION

The apparent leathery of some people of the United States in taking up Liberty Bonds subscriptions, leads one to conclude that the American people do not realize the enormous task that is before them. They do not realize the relentless and brutality of the kaiser and his army nor the enormous expense required to transport and maintain an army at the battle fronts in France and Belgium.

To refuse to supply our soldier boys with every essential for a vigorous prosecution of the war, means the useless slaughter and maiming of our boys whom we have selected to represent the American people in the contest.

It is nonsense to say that our entrance into the war was unnecessary. It was compulsory, if we desire to maintain our liberty and independence and would protect our right to live in the world and travel on the seas.

Let us suppose that our government had remained absolutely neutral, had refused to furnish food and munitions of war to the allies and submitted supinely like whipped curs to the many insults to our national honor and to the murder of our citizens and the destruction of property, when we were attending to our lawful and legitimate business. What would have been the result?

Undoubtedly Germany would have defeated England and France. Then we would have had German brutality and barbarism right in our own land. Then every man, young and old, would have rallied to our country's defense, for the American people are not cowards nor potthroats. Even our pacifist friends would then be willing to shoulder their muskets and march away. But think what the price we would then pay in blood, treasure and the destruction of property. Instead of the few billions we are asked to loan our government at a fair rate of interest, we would be compelled to pay the German war debt, in addition to the billions of property destroyed.

Our government guarantees to her citizens, life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness and the peaceful possession of property. Our government is composed of the people. Every citizen is a component part and when national defense becomes necessary, our government must depend upon the people to furnish the defense. It is not the people who live in New York or in Texas who must supply the defense, but the people of every state, every county, town and district must supply it. Every citizen, who has a drop of patriotic blood in his veins and who would protect his home and fireside from the barbarous cruelties of the invader, must do his or her part.

We have only to read of the barbarous cruelties of the German army

in northern France and Belgium, to know what our fate would be should our land be invaded by this ruthless and barbarous enemy. You may consider such a horrible condition unthinkable. So did France and Belgium and England. But the kaiser did consider that condition thinkable and has proven it to those countries and has threatened to treat the United States in like manner after conquering France and England.

It is idle to say the kaiser is insane and that he is drunken with power. All believe he is in that condition. At the same time there is plenty of method in his madness and an atrocious cruelty which would have made the ancient Hun ashamed of himself.

So we are confronted with a condition which must be met whether we like it or not. A world enemy is at large who has the egotism to assume that God has commissioned him to dominate the world. We, as a part of the world in common with England, France, Italy, Russia and Serbia, must either submit supinely to this dominance, or like men in whose veins the blood is red, rise up and subdue this enemy to humanity.

The Tribune believes that the president and congress acted wisely when they declared war upon this common enemy. We, also, believe they erred in not making this declaration one year sooner and that they grievously erred in not commencing to prepare the nation for war when the German army commenced the march on Belgium in 1914. Had such been the case we unhesitatingly say the war would have ended long before now. But we did not do so and we are now sending soldiers to France in consequence. But congress and the president are human just the same as the rest of us. They and we could not then see the conditions which now confront us. We then thought the kaiser and the German people were civilized and were governed by the ordinary impulses of humanity. We knew the kaiser was erratic but thought him sane and governed by the principles of national honor. We are now compelled to revise our opinions.

We have now selected and are training a national army of over a half million of our young men. With the regular army, national guard and the navy units, we have more than one million men under arms. It is probable that within a year another million of men will be called to the colors as well. These men must be fed, clothed and supplied with the necessary munitions of war. Ships must be built with which to carry the men and supplies to the seat of war. The men must be paid a small wage for giving their lives to our common country and you, fellow citizens must supply the enormous sums of money required. You are not asked to give, but to loan the money at a fair rate of interest to the government to supply her needs. The task is stupendous. But think of our more than stupendous resources. It is not a question of privilege, but of duty. It is a case of MUST for, if necessary the government can and will take every dollar you may have in the bank as well as that you may have hoarded away, before she will surrender your liberty and independence.

So get in everybody while the getting is good and subscribe for as many bonds as you may feel able to buy. A vigorous and united support of our soldier boys by the people at home, will soon convince the German war lords that, while we may be a little slow in getting into action, we are an unconquerable people. By doing so the war will be ended the sooner and a larger number of our young men will return to their homes unharmed.

BACKBITING AND TALEBEARING

In almost every community there are news gatherers (not newspaper men) who make it a practice to gather up every little mite of neighborhood gossip and scandal and retail the same, confidentially of course to this and that neighbor with, perhaps, a little embellishment to make the story tellable. While many of us do things we ought not to do, we have never heard of a reform being accomplished by he or she who may be the victim of the scandalmonger. On the contrary, the victim is usually driven to being more bold in his or her discreditable acts, for they think that if everybody knows of his or her misdoings, there is no use in trying to conceal their acts.

Now this is not just the right way to accomplish a reform on the part of the evil doers. If you must talk about the matter, go to the evildoer and, in a friendly manner, advise him or her that the wrong acts are known of and counsel him or her to desist from whatever the evil may be. If you cannot do this, it is best to say nothing.

Everyone prefers to enjoy a good name among his or her neighbors, rather than an evil one. Moreover, there is good in everyone if it can be drawn out. There is evil enough in all of us and little enough of good. And it is the part of the good neighbor to forget or overlook the evil of his fellow and cherish the good. It is a safe rule of action to, if you cannot say something good of your neighbor, say nothing.

It is too much our custom to hand our neighbor a boquet when he is in his grave and to hand him thorns when he is alive and among us. Society would be the better if this custom should be reversed. What benefit is it to the dead to say kind and praise words of him? If spoken when living and active among us, nothing but good can come of it. Some author has very truly said "The evil that men do lives after them; the good is often interred with their bones."

The community is a happy one where the scandalmonger is not. It is a community where right thinking men and women delight to live. It is one in which harmony of purpose and unity of action exist, where neighbor trusts neighbor and lives are made sunny for all. It means more valuable property, for good men and women desire to live there. Again we say, if you cannot speak well of a neighbor and find something good in him or her, say nothing.

A Soldiers Letter

W. J. Green.

Thomas, Oregon.

Dear Father:—Received your letter a couple of days ago, also a card from mother. The card went to Clackamas, Oregon, then to Fort Stevens and I don't know how many other places. I was glad to hear from home again as I sort of felt lonesome and it made me feel better. Do you hear from Lloyd at American Lake? Too bad two brothers have to go to war and can't fight side by side. I know it would be better for me if he was here. We are being trained in gas attacks. The masks are made of rubber and fit just to you ears with two opening, at eyes and mouth, with something over them to keep out gas. The nose is clasped shut and we must breath through the mouth. It takes six seconds to put them on. The gas the Germans use is of a yellowish green color and is heavier than air, so it rolls along the ground and travels with the wind. Never

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All persons having claims against the estate of said deceased are required to present the same with the proper vouchers within six (6) months from the date of this notice to the undersigned executor at his residence in Scio Linn County, Oregon.

Dated and first published this 11th day of October, 1917.

Thomas J. Large
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